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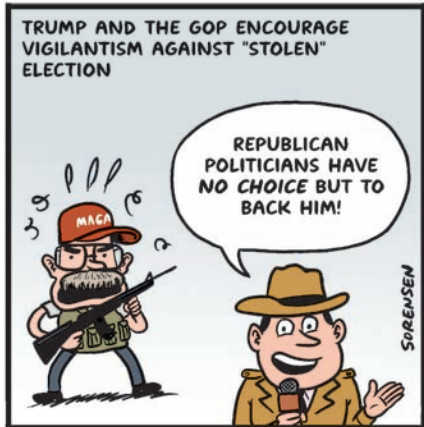


The Dish: Pulled Pork Sandwich from 517 BBQ

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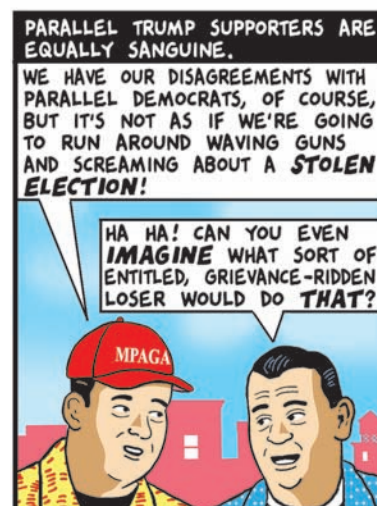
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NEWS & OPINION

Out of control

Jan.20 can't come soon enough, but there is still plenty of time for thousands more Michiganders to die from COVID-19 before President-elect Biden takes the reins and implements a national pandemic containment strategy. As winter closes in, coronavirus infections are rising in Michigan like a SpaceX rocket, making the first wave of the pandemic look like Little League batting practice. Intensive care units are once again bursting at the seams. The death rate is steadily ticking upward.

By all appearances, Michigan Republicans could not care less. Rather than keeping their shoulders to the wheel and working in good faith with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to stem the tide, leaders of the House and Senate adjourned for a few weeks to go deer hunting because there was nothing "urgent" on their agenda.

Undaunted in the face of such recalcitrant reactionaries, Michigan's fearless chief executive is in charge and on task, once again taking bold steps to contain the once again raging pandemic. No one wants to see restaurants closed, and the prospect of Thanksgiving without family gatherings is almost too much to bear. But bear it we must, and for what reason? Because the very people who blame Whitmer for the pandemic's economic devastation are the ones responsible for causing it by refusing to comply with her life-saving emergency measures. Read that sentence again. And, we suspect their petulant refusal to wear a mask in public is just the tip of the iceberg. Taking their cues from our superspreader, soon-to-be ex-president, we have to presume that people who won't mask up in public also engage in all manner of risky behavior, from hosting and attending large gatherings to eschewing social distancing.

We also can't help noticing the correlation between the Michigan Supreme Court ruling that struck down Whitmer's emergency powers in early October and COVID-19 infections spiraling out of control immediately thereafter. The ruling appears to have sent a clear message to Whitmer-hating, COVID deniers across the state that they need not exercise any caution because the tyrant's rule finally has been terminated with prejudice.

The reaction of Republican legislative leaders to Whitmer's new restrictions is entirely predictable — and predictably laughable. Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey and outgoing House Speaker Lee



The CP Edit

Opinion

Chatfield both issued infantile statements decrying the governor's continued lack of cooperation with the Legislature. Evidently disappointed that the terrorist plot to kidnap and kill Whitmer was stymied, legislative Republicans have even launched a campaign to impeach her. Good luck with that.

Then there is Dr. Scott Atlas, another exemplar of the seemingly never-ending collection of kooks, quacks and connivers who crawl out of the Trump cesspool from time to time. A kindred spirit with Shirkey and Chatfield, Atlas called on Michigan citizens to "rise up" against Whitmer's new restrictions, proving once again that having an advanced medical degree confers

neither wisdom nor common sense.

On a lesser scale, we are disappointed in the response of Ingham County Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth. Even as COVID spins out of control in the Ingham County Jail he oversees, Wriggelsworth has declared Whitmer's limitations on family holiday gatherings as unenforceable, a view shared by Ingham County Health Officer Linda Vail. We think a sounder approach would be to make examples of any large gatherings in order to discourage others.

On a positive note, it is heartening to see Republican leaders in other states, including Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine, Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb and Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds, doing the right thing to protect their citizens by enacting sensible restrictions to contain the pandemic, including mask mandates. Michigan Republicans would do well to follow their lead or risk sliding even further into political irrelevancy.

With no end in sight to a pandemic that has already claimed more than 8,000 Michigan lives, the only thing we can do is to each play our part by staying home as much as possible, masking up and keeping our distance from those who don't and won't understand the gravity of the public health and economic crisis that continues to envelop our state.

Let's also keep fresh in our minds until 2022 the scores of lives lost and untold numbers of small businesses destroyed this year because petty Republican partisans were incapable of putting people's lives ahead of politics. With a little help from newly redrawn legislative districts that remedy Michigan's ridiculous gerrymandering, we can put Democrats — and common sense leadership — back in charge of the state legislature.

Until then, stay safe.

Correction

A story titled "Lawsuit: Lansing cops 'conceal facts' after inmate dies beneath City Hall" that appeared in the Nov. 4, 2020, edition of City Pulse requires a correction. Due to a reporter's error, the reported timeline of when City Attorney Jim Smierka had first learned of Anthony Hulon's death in the city jail was incorrectly reported. Smierka told the City Council that he didn't know a lawsuit had been filed prior to its making headlines in Lansing. He later clarified that he was aware of the incident and the possibility of litigation for months, just not the lawsuit.

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1/5	4/27	8/17	12/7
1/19	5/11	8/31	
2/2	5/25	9/14	
2/16	6/8	9/28	
3/2	6/22	10/12	
3/16	7/6	10/26	
3/30	7/20	11/9	

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1/20	4/21	7/21	10/20
2/17	5/19	8/18	11/17
3/17	6/16	9/15	12/15

BOARD OF APPEALS (when case is pending) Meetings held at 7:00 p.m.

1/25	4/26	7/26	10/25
2/22	5/24	8/23	11/22
3/22	6/28	9/27	12/13

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1/7	4/1	7/8	10/7
2/4	5/6	8/5	11/4
3/4	6/3	9/9	12/2

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Susan L. Aten, Clerk
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Top 5 possible GOP gubernatorial candidates for 2022

She's been talked about for governor so often, it's as if mentioning Macomb County Public Works Director Candice Miller's name in any speculative gubernatorial list is a festive formality. Kind of like serving cranberry sauce on Thanksgiving.

And yet Republicans acknowledge behind the scenes that the former secretary of state and member of Congress would be a field-clearing candidate. One political consultant described Miller as the R's best option in 2018 "by a wide margin." At that time, though, her husband was ill and she couldn't dedicate the time to a run.

Former Macomb Judge Donald Miller died in January 2019. Will Candice Miller reconsider? Sources tell the Capitol news service MIRS she's been approached, but will she want to leave her current gig?

Miller received more votes in Macomb County this election than anyone else on the ballot other than a non-contested Court of Appeals judge. Her 292,598 was more than Donald Trump (264,535) or John James (252,681).

Outside of Miller, the list of big names who can generate mainstream support isn't as long as you might think.

An ultra-conservative like Sen. Patrick Colbeck is fairly likely. Already a Grand Rapids resident and U.S. Department of Defense specialist named Austin Chenge has announced and "constitutional patriot" Bob Scott have filed paperwork. Collecting at least 15,000 valid voter signatures will be the next hurdle.

Outside of Miller, the clear No. 1, the other folks on the Top 5 list are:

2. House Speaker Lee Chatfield, R-Levering, has emerged as an articulate and politically savvy voice for the conservative right. He could theoretically unite the party — bringing together Donald Trump supporters with the traditional fiscal conservatives.

Chatfield is the best legislative fundraiser in modern Michigan history and without a close second. Will people return his calls, though, when he doesn't have an office to run from? He's term limited as of Dec. 31, of course.

3. Nobody knew Rick Snyder until

he ran for governor. Just like the 10th District didn't know Lisa McClain until she ran for Congress. The Republican Party loves their self-funded executives (preferably a woman) who can relate to the political winds of the times. Snyder tapped into fiscal security. McClain wrapped herself around Trump. John James embraced patriotism. Someone else can make personal liberties a theme and ride the wave.

4. Looking for a grassroots-type candidate? You may not find a better one than Rep. Jack O'Malley, R-Lake Ann, a genuine article who espouses a common-sense message that cleanly cuts through political blabber. He's developed a loyal Facebook following that routinely urges him to give a gubernatorial run a try. The longtime radio morning show host is as effective a communicator as you're going to find. He'll need to raise some money, though.

5. Redistricting victim. Nobody knows who is going to get cut out of their district after the independent redistricting commission redraws legislative and congressional lines next year. It'll happen. It's just a question of how many and if he or she's political ambitions will be to try something local or risk a dice roll on a Romney Building office.

Not on the list:

1. U.S. Rep. Paul Mitchell, R-Dryden Twp., retired after three years of the stomach-churning "Me First" culture of Washington, D.C., Mitchell has some personal wealth, but it's doubtful he's willing to part with the tens of millions needed to challenge Whitmer.

2. If Ronna Romney McDaniel isn't reelected to chair the Republican National Committee, she would struggle to shake her past as a hardcore partisan. Plus, 2012 showed us the Romney name has lost its mojo in Michigan.

3. There's a lot of political beasts in Lansing, but Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey isn't one of them. The founder of a Jackson-based engineering firm doesn't navigate political roadblocks with the same skill as crafting sensible solutions to complex problems. Besides, he's shown little interest in running.

4. John James? One loss is a singular event. Two losses are a coincidence. Three losses would be a trend.

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POLITICS

REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS



By KYLE KAMINSKI



Area malls get mauled

Already facing declines as big-box stores have receded, the Lansing Mall is on the market. And the owner of the Meridian Mall has filed for bankruptcy. Lansing Mall owner Brookfield Properties of New York City listed it without a price but said it generates about \$1.2 million in revenue a year. Nearly half of it is empty, the listing said. On the other side of Greater Lansing, Meridian Mall's owner, Tennessee-based CBL Properties, has filed for Chapter 11 protection. The mall will stay open in the meantime.

Three officers placed on leave

Three Lansing Police officers were put on paid administrative leave last week after video footage surfaced on social media that showed them repeatedly striking an unarmed 25-year-old Black man on Baker Street who resisted arrest. The Lansing NAACP "emphatically denounces the use of excessive force practices. It is extremely troubling that in the wake of the Anthony Hulton, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Jacob Blake tragedies, black and brown communities continue to endure such egregious behavior by those who are sworn to protect and serve us."

Free parking in Lansing

To help retail and restaurants, metered parking in Lansing will be free beginning on Monday, Nov. 23, through Jan. 1, but time limits must still be observed.



Last call for wannabe grow operations in Lansing

The last window to apply for licenses for medical or recreational marijuana growing operations in Lansing is open through Dec. 16. The City Council allows 75 growing locations; 69 are already either licensed or pending approval. That cap is will be reduced to 55 as the licenses are denied or licenses are not renewed. Applications will also be accepted for processors, secure transporters, safety compliance facilities and adult-use retailers with existing medical licenses. At least eight additional application periods will also be available next year. As the pandemic worsens, many local marijuana retailers are exploring home delivery.



Whitmer moves toward Enbridge pipeline shutdown

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer told Enbridge last week that the

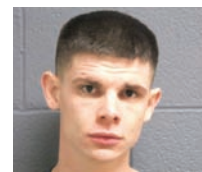
easement that allows it to operate dual pipelines beneath the Straits of Mackinac had been revoked—a step toward shutting down the controversial petroleum pipeline. The notice requires Enbridge to cease operations by May 2021, allowing for an "orderly transition that protects Michigan's energy needs over the coming months," officials said.



Whitmer

Ingham County prisoner on the loose

Authorities are hunting for Michael David McKerchie, 32, after he reportedly dismantled a window at Ingham County's jail last week and escaped in a stolen pickup truck. He was jailed on multiple felony charges and reportedly had a checkered history of escaping from detention. McKerchie was thought to be driving a blue-green 2013 Chevy Silverado with a unique deer-fish hook decal on the driver-side rear window and a tonneau cover on the bed. He could be headed to Battle Creek, Otsego in Allegan County or to Indiana. Call 911 with information.



McKerchie

Shifting leadership in Lansing, East Lansing

Lansing Deputy Mayor Samantha Harkins is stepping down to handle special project. She'll continue to work within the business community while also pursuing her own private consulting firm, "Hundred Place Consulting."



Stephens



Harkins

East Lansing Mayor Aaron Stephens won't run for a second Council term next year, clearing the way for three open slots. Council members Ron Bacon and Dana Watson, appointed to fill partial terms, must run in November to assume full four-year terms.

SORE on the mend



1910 W. Saginaw St. in Lansing

Good news is en route for Lansing's westsiders and old patrons of the Irish Pub & Grill: The new owners of this long-closed watering hole plan are planning some form of a comeback. And pending building permits suggest the commercial kitchen inside is about to be renovated.

"Stay tuned," owner Jeremy Werner told City Pulse. "Within the next week or two, I'll expect there will be some more to say. We're working on windows and getting the roof redone."

The Irish Pub & Grill was "pretty much the definitive neighborhood pub" before it closed, according to one online review. The ambiance was casual, with just the right mix of bar gloom and misplaced chairs. The bar food (especially the reuben sandwiches) were cheap and tasty.

Today, the cracked concrete, peeling paint and boarded-up doors earns this former neighborhood staple a spot as Eyesore of the Week. It closed up shop in early 2013 and has apparently sat vacant ever since. Werner certainly still needs to give the place some TLC.

But apparently in the near future, residents can expect a makeover, Werner said. County records show he bought the place for \$145,000 shortly after the bar closed. Taxes are up to date. Werner is also planning several commercial renovations. Permits were pulled in March for various building, mechanical, electrical and plumbing work.

"It's a horrible time to try to open a bar or restaurant given the state of the coronavirus and all of the shut-downs and everything, but we're going to plug ahead," Werner said. "We've got some good things coming. Now, everyone just needs to wear a damn mask to get things back open."

"Eyesore of the Week" is our look at some of the seedier properties in Lansing. It rotates with Eye Candy of the Week and Eye for Design. Have a suggestion? Email eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call it in at 517-999-6715.

Onslaught of coronavirus cases triggers a new lockdown across Michigan

Ingham Co. sheriff leans on residents to ‘police themselves’ on gathering restrictions

Another round of statewide emergency orders that took effect this week are designed to enact a “three-week pause” on social gatherings and other group-oriented activities across Michigan.

Epidemic orders rolled about by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services are designed to curb a staggering number of COVID-19 cases and rapidly rising infection rates.

Among them:

- Residential gatherings are limited to two households. Still, officials are strongly urging families to pick a single other household to interact with over the next three weeks.
- Bars and restaurants are open for outdoor dining, carryout and delivery only.
- Casinos, movie theaters, bowling centers, ice skating rinks, indoor water parks, group exercises classes and other environments that gather groups must close altogether.
- Only professional and college sports may continue to play without spectators. All other organized sports must stop — including those at the intermediate and high school levels.
- In-person classes must be canceled at all high schools and colleges. Elementary schools, middle schools, and child care centers, however, are able to keep doors open.
- Hair salons and barbers can stay open, as can gyms and pools for individual exercise.
- While manufacturing and construction jobs may also continue, the latest order also requires workplaces to operate remotely whenever possible to mitigate the virus’ spread.

According to Attorney General Dana

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WEEK 36

MICHIGAN

CASES

11/10/20

11/17/20

WEEKLY CHANGE

223,277

272,034

^21.8%

DEATHS

7,724

8,128

^5.2%

GREATER LANSING

CASES

11/11/20

11/17/20

WEEKLY CHANGE

8,790

11,037

^25.6%

DEATHS

116

133

^14.7%

INGHAM CO.

CASES

11/11/20

11/17/20

WEEKLY CHANGE

5,685

6,899

^21.4%

DEATHS

79

91

^15.2%

EATON CO.

CASES

11/11/20

11/17/20

WEEKLY CHANGE

1,613

2,120

^31.4%

DEATHS

19

24

^26.3%

CLINTON CO.

CASES

11/11/20

11/17/20

WEEKLY CHANGE

1,492

2,018

^35.3%

DEATHS

18

18

NO CHANGE

Nessel’s office, county health departments and local law enforcement agencies are primarily responsible for local enforcement of the latest restrictions — though portions of the restrictions are already facing opposition and legal challenges this week.

The Michigan Restaurant and Lodging Association filed a federal lawsuit Tuesday for an emergency preliminary injunction to the portions of the order that prohibit indoor dining.

Enforcement efforts, regardless of that litigation, are also expected to face their own challenges.

“There’s always emotions behind all of this, especially when it involves closing down businesses. That’s always a tricky situation for law enforcement,” said Ingham County Sheriff Scott Wrigglesworth. “We’ll be focusing on educating, informing and asking for compliance.”

Enforcement of the latest orders — particularly as it relates to household gatherings — will still rely heavily on

personal accountability, Wrigglesworth explained. Even if a police report is filed, deputies won’t knock doors and crash local Thanksgiving parties to take attendance, he said.

“We all just need to work together and people are going to have to police themselves,” he said.

Wrigglesworth predicts that the recent spike in COVID-19 caseloads could equate to more widespread compliance. “There’s a little bit more of a sense of worry right now,” he added.

The Lansing Police Department will continue to operate on a “call-and-report” basis without proactive pandemic patrols. Similarly, officers there will also focus foremost on public education. Only those who repeatedly break state rules after a warning could face further consequences.

In related news...

Rising caseloads in Ingham County are forcing local contact tracers to specifically prioritize their outreach efforts

to high-risk cases, health officials announced this week. With about 170 new cases coming in daily, the capacity to contact all cases and contacts is posing a new challenge.

“Unfortunately, COVID-19 is everywhere,” said Ingham Co. Health Officer Linda Vail. “COVID-19 is now widespread in the community. The public health strategies of identifying, investigating and tracing are effective for outbreaks and clusters, but not for widespread transmission.”

Priority cases and situations include: Those younger than 18 or older than 65; anyone tied to an acute care, skilled nursing or long-term care facility; those linked to a school and any case connected to a death. Health officials will also take the relative recency of the case into account.

Most East Lansing offices will be closed to the public for three weeks. Those closed include City Hall, the Department of Public Works, Prime Time, the 54B District Court and the DPW’s 24/7 recycling drop-off site. The Hannah Community Center and Police Department will remain open.

Republican U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg said this week that he tested positive for COVID-19 and has mild symptoms — making him the second member of Michigan’s congressional delegation to test positive for the coronavirus following Bill Huizenga’s positive test last month.

At least 60 inmates (and counting) at Ingham County’s jail have tested positive for COVID-19, forcing jail officials to temporarily close the inmate intake and reroute all new arrests to the Lansing or East Lansing police department’s lockups or Livingston County’s jail in Howell.

A dozen deputies have also tested positive for COVID-19. Some were in quarantine this week.

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Traditions interrupted as Lansing faces a COVID Thanksgiving

The Hertel family pigskin will have a blank on it for 2020.

State Sen. Curtis Hertel, Jr. said the football has been used in an annual Thanksgiving Day family football game for decades. At the end of each game, the score is written on the football. But the spiraling crisis of COVID-19 has left his family with no other choice: They won't meet for the annual feast, hence the family football won't have the score of the family game for 2020 written on it.

"This year we decided this was the right thing to do," said Hertel, an East Lansing Democrat, speaking of his family, which includes his brother State Rep. Kevin Hertel. "We hope the sacrifices this year allow us to get together at Christmas or next year and everyone is still around to join us. That's important."

Instead, Hertel, who said he loves to cook, will host a turkey spread for just his wife and children.

Hertel is not alone in changing his holiday plans in the wake of a steep increase of coronavirus cases, hospitalizations and deaths. He and others are heeding the advice of politicians and

health experts who have been pleading for weeks for Americans to cancel or amend their holiday plans.

For the first time in 43 years, Amanda Macomber will not be gathering with her extended family on the family farm in Lake Odessa. Macomber, of Charlotte, said the decision to shut down the annual gathering, was made over family email two weeks ago.

She noted the gathering involved multiple generations of family, some of whom work on the front lines, potentially coming in contact with the virus. "You just don't want to mess around with it," she said of the virus. "Not to go sucks. This is when we traditionally see everyone."

For East Lansing resident Ryan Smith, the safety precautions including enforced mask wearing, limited numbers of people and social distancing allowed his family to make the decision to go to Disney World in Orlando. The trip was planned two and half months ago, when national numbers of new cases were not shattering records of over a 100,000 new cases a day.

Despite Disney's strict mask policies and adherence to social distancing, the



Courtesy

State Sen. Curtis Hertel Jr.'s family will forego its annual Turkey Day football game. Pictured is the game football that doubles as scorekeeper.

park recently increased capacity from 25 percent to 35 percent.

"I do have some apprehension about the capacity," he said. "But most of the park is outdoors, and they have been very good about masks."

He said the trip would be a "once-in-a-lifetime" journey for his children, who are 6 and 9. The family will leave later this week for Orlando on a flight from the Lansing airport. He said he and his family will quarantine for 14 days when they return from the trip.

"The virus is never going to go away," he said. Safety precautions like masks

will "become the new sense of normalcy."

Over in Williamston, Sean Bertolino and his family have decided to cancel the turkey day gathering with his sister and her new husband and his family. He said he was "disappointed."

"I get it, you just wouldn't want anything happening," he said.

Lansing resident Jeffrey Wood said he and his husband will host a smaller gathering in his home — only five guests instead of the usual 10 to 15. He said the dinner will be served buffet style and everyone will be required to be masked except when eating or drinking.

Over in Grand Ledge, former State Sen. Rick Jones said his family canceled its annual gatherings as well. He and his wife would traditionally break bread with both sides of their family at separate events, usually served up buffet style.

"Charlene's family planned a large gathering, too big for a home," Jones said of his wife. "So it was set for a church hall."

Jones' side of the family usually went out to eat, but that was also canceled.

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How to get a Thanksgiving meal delivered to you

Delivering meals to those in need this Thanksgiving is a goal that has not changed despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

The spread of the virus has caused churches and community centers in the Lansing area to cancel their annual in-person Thanksgiving dinner events this year. Thanksgiving Day is Nov. 26.

Meals will get to people in the community in other ways.

The Cristo Rey Community Center originally planned to deliver at least 150 meals this year, CEO Joe Garcia said Monday.

"Chances are we're going to do more. There's no science to this. Just good intentions," Garcia said.

Blondie's Barn in Haslett will distribute pre-packaged meals to be distributed in the parking lot.

"We started this Thanksgiving meal seven years ago as a way to give back to the community," said Andrew Manuel, owner of Blondie's Barn. "Over time, we realized how rewarding it is and how much it feels like family, even when people are sitting together who didn't know each other. And while we can't dine together, this year is more important than ever to try to connect those who are lonely and isolated with a bit of hope and kindness."

Here's what you need to know about how to obtain a meal if you need it on Thanksgiving Day.

Cristo Rey Community Center, 1717 N. High St., Lansing, (517) 372-4700

- Contact the center directly to order a meal delivery and for more information

- The meals will consist of items such as turkey, stuffing and mashed potatoes
- Meals will be delivered from 10 a.m. to noon Thanksgiving Day
- Meal packages can also be picked up from noon to 2 p.m. at the center.
- Call Cristo Rey Community Center for more information

St. Gerard Catholic Church, 4437 W. Willow Highway, Lansing

- No Thanksgiving Community Dinner will be taking place at the church this year.
- Instead, meals will be delivered from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Day to homes of people requesting meals
- However, the church's first come, first serve list is full, according to Mike Hudson, a community dinner organizer with the church.
- Anyone seeking a meal through St. Gerard Catholic Church is being asked to contact the Cristo Rey Community Center at (517) 372-4700 to set up either a pick up or delivery.

City Rescue Mission of Lansing, 2216 S. Cedar St., Lansing, (517) 485-0145

- Take out meals available.
- Sign up to receive a meal is 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Nov. 26.
- Traditional Thanksgiving meal items will be provided.
- Contact City Rescue Mission of Lansing for more information.

Blondie's Barn, 5640 Marsh Road Haslett, (517) 339-4600

- Pre-packaged meals will be available to pick up curbside.
- Pick up meals from noon to 2 p.m. Nov. 26.
- Participation in the event is free.
- No pre-registration is required.
- Anyone picking up a meal is asked to wear a mask.
- Contact Blondie's Barn for more information.

Columbian Hall, 1108 N. US 27, St. Johns, (989) 292-0972

- Clinton County Thanksgiving Celebration and Dinner
- Obtain takeout orders Noon to 2 p.m. Nov. 26
- To order a meal or for more information, call or visit www.ccthanksgiving.org or <https://clinton-communitythanksgivingcelebrationanddinner.org/contact/>

VFW Post No. 8964, 614 S. Main St., Ovid, (989) 666-0444

- Take-out orders only.
- Meals contain turkey, potatoes, stuffing, vegetables and a dessert.
- To make sure you receive a meal, preorder by Monday, Nov. 23.
- Some meals may be delivered to seniors only in Ovid.
- Contact the Lions Club of Ovid at or email lynden@icloud.com to preorder a meal or for more information.

— SEAN BRADLEY

NOTICE OF ADOPTION
CITY OF EAST LANSING

ORDINANCE NO. 1493

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 16 - FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION- OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING BY AMENDING SECTIONS 16-31, 16-32, 16-33 AND 1634 THEREOF, IN ORDER TO ADOPT THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE BY REFERENCE TO REPLACE THE 2000 NFPA FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND THE 2000 NFPA LIFE SAFETY CODE AND TO MAKE LOCAL CHANGES THERETO.

THE CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDAINS:

Sections 16-31, 16-32, 16-33 and 16-34 of Chapter 16 of the Code of the City of East Lansing are hereby amended, which amended and added sections, shall read as follows:

ARTICLE II. - FIRE PREVENTION CODE
Sec. 16-31. - Adoption of code by reference.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 3(k) of Public Act No. 279 of 1909 [MCL 117.3(k)], the City of East Lansing adopts the International Fire Code, 2015 edition, (IFC) as published by the International Code Council, including Appendices A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I, and the referenced publications identified in Chapter 80 except those sections and appendices amended, deleted, or added as provided in this chapter. The IFC, 2015 edition, together with the provisions of this chapter shall be known as the "East Lansing Fire Prevention Code" which regulates conditions hazardous to life and property from the standpoint of fire and explosion in the City and defines the Fire Marshal's scope of authority. Whenever the words "authority having jurisdiction" are used in the fire prevention code, it shall mean the fire chief and his or her designees. Whenever the words "governing authority" are used, it shall mean the City of East Lansing.

- 1) A complete copy of the IFC is available to the public for inspection in the East Lansing City Clerk's Office and in the East Lansing Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau.

Sec. 16-32. - Savings clause.
Nothing in this article or the code amended by this article shall affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred or accruing before the effective date of the ordinance from which this article is derived.

Sec. 16-33. – Purpose.
The purpose of this chapter and Code is to regulate and govern the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Fire Code on file in the office of the East Lansing City Clerk are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof, as is fully set out in this article, with the amendments and insertions, and subject to the limitations, in the remaining sections of this article.

Sec. 16-34. - Amendments to the International Fire Code, 2015 edition.

The following articles or sections of the fire prevention code are hereby added, amended, or deleted as hereinafter set forth. Subsequent article, divisions and section numbers used in this section shall refer to the like numbered articles, divisions, and sections of the fire prevention code, unless specified otherwise.

International Fire Code, 2015 edition

CHAPTER 1: SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 101.1 SCOPE AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 101.1 Title, is amended to read:
These regulations shall be known as the Fire Code of the City of East Lansing, Michigan, hereinafter referred to as "this code."

Section 103 DEPARTMENT OF FIRE PREVENTION

- 103.2 Appointment, is amended to read:
The Chief shall appoint, with approval of the City Manager, a member of the fire department to exercise the powers and perform the duties of Fire Marshal, hereinafter referred to as the fire code official and who shall be head of the Fire Prevention Bureau.

- 103.3 Inspectors, is amended to read:
The Chief of the Fire Department may detail to the Fire Prevention Bureau such members of the Fire Department as Inspectors or otherwise as shall from time to time be necessary. The Chief of the Fire Department may recommend to the administrator the employment of technical inspectors, who, when such authorization is made, shall be selected through an examination to determine their fitness for the position.

SECTION 105 PERMITS is amended by adding sections 105.2.5, 105.6.49 and 105.7.19

- Section 105.2.5 shall be added to read:
Fees. All fees assessed or required under this chapter shall be established by resolution of the city council.

- Section 105.6.49 shall be added to read:
Commercial cooking appliances. An operational permit is required for the operation of all commercial cooking appliances.

- Section 105.7.19 shall be added to read:
Commercial cooking appliances. A construction permit is required for the installation or modification of all commercial cooking appliances.

SECTION 108 BOARD OF APPEALS is amended by amending sections 108.1 through 108.3 and adding sections 108.4, 108.5, 108.6, 108.7, 108.8 and 108.9.

- Section 108.1 Board of appeals established, is amended to read as follows:
In order to determine the suitability of alternate materials and type of construction and to provide for reasonable interpretations of the provisions of this code, appeals shall be taken before the East Lansing Building Board of Appeals as provided in Chapter 6, Article II of the Code of the City of East Lansing.

The board shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations for conducting its investigations and shall render all decisions and findings in writing to the Fire Chief, with a duplicate copy to the applicant, and may recommend to the City Council such new legislation as is consistent therewith.

Section 108.2 Application for reconsideration, is amended to read:

- 108.2.1 Any person aggrieved by a notice or order of the Fire Chief or Fire Marshal issued in connection with any alleged violation of this chapter or of applicable rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto, may apply to the Fire Chief for a reconsideration of such notice or order, if said application is made within five working days after the notice or order has been issued.
108.2.2 The Fire Chief shall set a time and place for an informal conference on the matter within five working days of the receipt of such application, and shall advise the applicants of such time and place in writing.
108.2.3 At the informal conference, the applicant shall be permitted to present his/her grounds for believing that the notice or order should be revoked or modified.
108.2.4 Within five days following the close of the informal conference, the Fire Chief shall give notice to the applicant whether he/she will modify or set aside the appealed notice or order.

Section 108.3 Fire board of appeals, is amended to read:

The East Lansing Building Board of Appeals shall sit as the appeals board for any appeal relating to violations of the chapter.

Section 108.4 Right of appeal, is added to read:

Any person, aggrieved by a notice or order issued in connection with any alleged violation of the provisions of the chapter or of any applicable rules and regulations pursuant thereto, may file with the board of appeals a petition setting forth his/her reasons for contesting the notice or order.

Section 108.5 Petition for appeal; filing, is added to read:

Such petition shall be filed within ten days after the notice or order is served on petitioner, except where the petitioner has made timely application to the Fire Chief for reconsideration, in which case the petition shall be filed within ten days after notice by the Fire Chief of his/her decision upon the informal conference. The petition shall be filed accompanied by a fee, as established by resolution of the City Council. Late appeals may be granted, in the discretion of the board of appeals, upon good cause shown.

Section 108.6 Time of hearing of appeal; notice, is added to read:

Within 45 days after receipt of a valid petition, the board of appeals shall conduct a hearing, and at least ten days prior thereto it shall serve the petitioner with notice thereof in the manner provided for service of notice of violation in Section 109, 109.3.1 Service, of the East Lansing Fire Prevention Code. The Fire Chief shall also be given such notice as will enable him/her or his/her designee to appear and be heard at the hearing.

Section 108.7 Scope of hearing on approval, is added to read:

At the hearing, the petitioner shall be given an opportunity to show cause why the notice or order should be modified or withdrawn, or why the time period permitted for compliance should be extended.

Section 108.8 Action of board of appeals, is added to read:

- 108.8.1 The board of appeals shall have the power to reverse wholly or partly, or modify, any order, requirement, decision, or determination of the Fire Chief and may grant an extension of time for the performance of any act required of not more than three additional months, where the board of appeals finds that there is practical difficulty or undue hardship connected with the performance of any act required by the provisions of this chapter or by applicable rules or regulations issued pursuant thereto, and that such extension is in harmony with the general purpose of this chapter to secure the public health, safety, and welfare.
108.8.2 The board of appeals shall return a decision upon each case within 60 days after a request of appeal has been filed, unless a further time is agreed upon with the parties concerned. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, the board may, in appropriate cases, be permitted an extension of time after hearing the case, in which to make its decision, provided such extension shall not exceed 30 days. Any decision of the board shall not become final until the expiration of five days from the date of entry of such order, unless the board shall find that immediate effect of such order is necessary for the preservation of life, property, or personal rights and shall so certify on the record of its proceeding.
108.8.3 The concurring vote of four members of the board of appeals shall be necessary to reverse wholly or partly, or modify any order, requirement, decision or determination of the Fire Chief to decide in favor of the appellant any matter upon which they are required to pass, or to effect any variance in the provisions of this chapter.

Section 108.9 Stay, is added to read:

An appeal shall stay all proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed from, unless the Fire Chief certifies to the board of appeals, after the notice of appeal shall have been filed with him, that by reason of facts stated in the certificate, an emergency exists, in which case the proceedings shall not be stayed except by a restraining order which may be granted upon due cause shown, by the board of appeals or by the circuit court, following timely notice of application therefor to the Fire Chief.

SECTION 109 VIOLATIONS is amended by adding 109.3.5 and amending 109.4 Section 109.3.5

- Appearance tickets, is added to read:
The East Lansing Fire Chief, Fire Marshal and their appointed officers and Inspectors, shall be authorized to issue and serve appearance tickets with respect to any violations of this chapter, in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of section 9C(2) of Public Act No. 147 of 1968 (MCL 764.9c(2)).

Section 109.4 Violation penalties, is amended to read:

Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the fire code official, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 along with court costs and cost of prosecution or by imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 111 STOP WORK ORDER

- Section 111.4 Failure to comply, is amended to read:
Any person who neglects or fails to comply with a stop work order issued under this code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment in jail for not more than 90 days, or both such fine and imprisonment, and such person shall also pay such costs as may be imposed in the discretion of the court. Each act of violation and every day upon which such violation

Thanksgiving

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On Sunday, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s Department of Health and Human Services issued new health guidance for the state, banning indoor dining starting today for three weeks.

Missy Austin, of Lansing, has spent 25 years in retail merchandising, but she’s on leave from her job out of concerns over COVID. The pandemic has caused her family to radically shift plans. Usually, her husband and she gather with their daughters and their husbands to celebrate. But not this year. This year, one daughter will host her own turkey dinner in her home. The other daughter

will do “drive by, curbside visits” with family around the state.
“We’ll go out and say ‘hi’ and talk for a little bit,” she said of the planned curbside Thanksgiving.
The decision not gather for Austin’s family was actually driven by younger members of the family out of concerns of exposing older family members, Austin said.

“I’d rather sacrifice Thanksgiving holding out hope we can get together for Christmas,” she said.
— **TODD HEYWOOD**
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shall occur or continues shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. No. 1367, 2-16-2016)

CHAPTER 3: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 307 OPEN BURNING, RECREATIONAL FIRES AND PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACES is amended by amending sections 307.1, 307.1.1, 307.2, 307.2.1, 307.3, 307.4, 307.4.1, 307.4.2, 307.5, adding sections 307.2.2, 307.4.3, 307.6 and deleting sections 307.4.2, 307.4.3, 307.4.1, 307.4.2, 307.4.3

307.1 General, is amended to read:
A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning, bon fire or rubbish fire on any public or private land.

- Exceptions:
1. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any property within that territory of the city conditionally transferred to the city pursuant to any 1984 PA 425 agreement and the provisions of Section 307 of the International Fire Code, 2015 Edition, as published by the International Code Council shall apply until such time as there is a change in use or ownership of the property.
 2. Any person, group or organization that has kindled or maintained a fire in a city park or business district and has, prior thereto, obtained a special event permit issued by the Fire Chief or his designee, for each day the fire is kindled or maintained and has maintained the fire in accordance with the regulations proposed by the Fire Marshal and adopted by resolution of the City Council for such fires.

307.1.1 Prohibited burning, is amended to read:
All burning shall be prohibited when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous, when wind speed is greater than 15 miles per hour and as authorized by the fire code official.

307.2 Permit required, is amended to read:
A permit shall be obtained from the fire code official in accordance with section 105.6 prior to kindling any fire in an outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace or other recreational fire.

307.2.1 is amended to read:
Except as authorized in 307.2.2, no person shall kindle or maintain any fire or authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained in an outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace or other recreational fire on any private land in an R-3 Residential Zoning District, any Multiple Family Residential District, any Business District (including the City Center commercial district) or on any public land.

307.2.2 is added to read:
No person shall kindle or maintain any fire or authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained in an outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace or other recreational fire in an R-1 or R-2 residential zoning district unless an annual recreational fire and outdoor fireplace permit is first obtained and in effect authorizing the owner of the property to maintain a fire in a contained outdoor fireplace or recreational fire and the fire is maintained in accordance with the regulations proposed by the fire marshal and adopted by resolution of the city council for such fires.

307.3 is amended to read:
Extinguishment authority. Where any person has kindled or maintained any fire or authorized any such fire to be kindled or maintained and that fire creates or adds to a hazardous situation, or a required permit for such fire has not been obtained, the fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment of the fire.

307.4 Location, is amended to read:
307.4.1 is amended to read:
Recreational fires. Recreational fires shall not be operated within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure, property line, driveway, roadway or combustible material. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of any combustible material shall be eliminated prior to ignition. Recreational fires not used for cooking purposes must be covered by a spark arresting screen approved by the fire code official.

307.4.2 is amended to read:
Portable outdoor fireplaces. Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance With manufacturer’s instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet (7620 mm) of a structure, property line, driveway, roadway or combustible material. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 15 feet (7620 mm) of any combustible material shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

307.4.3 is added to read:
Liquid petroleum gas fires. LP-gas-fueled outdoor fires used for recreational purposes shall be used in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet (7620 mm) of a structure, property line, driveway, roadway or combustible material. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 15 feet (7620 mm) of any combustible material shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

307.5 Attendance, is amended to read:
Recreational fires and outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing water supply, such as water barrel or garden hose shall be available for immediate utilization.

307.6 Disposal, is added to read:
No person shall dispose of or allow to be disposed of hot charcoal embers or ashes in any combustible container. No disposal container containing embers or ashes shall be placed inside any structure or

upon any combustible surface.

SECTION 310 SMOKING is amended by adding sections 310.2.1, 310.2.2, 310.2.3 and 310.2.4
Section 310.2.1 shall be added to read:
It will be the duty and responsibility of the fire department to inspect all premises affected by the city smoking regulations and prohibitions, and investigate reported violations of the city smoking regulations and prohibitions, being chapter 26, article VI, division 5 of the City Code.

310.2.2 shall be added to read:
The city manager, through the fire chief, and/or their appointed representative(s), shall administer this subsection. The fire chief, the fire marshal and their duly appointed officers shall be authorized to issue and serve appearance tickets/citations with respect to any violation of section 26-401 through section 26 414 inclusive of the City Code, pursuant to MCL 764.9(c)(2).

310.2.3 shall be added to read:
The fire department shall retain records on all inspections, investigations, and enforcement activity related to administration of the city smoking regulations and prohibitions, being chapter 26, article VI, division 5 of the City Code, for a period corresponding to normal requirements under this section.

310.2.4 shall be added to read:
Orders and notices for violations of the city smoking regulations and prohibitions, at chapter 26, article VI, division 5 of the City Code, shall comply with all provisions under section 1-19.2.

CHAPTER 4: EMERGENCY PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS

SECTION 401 GENERAL is amended by amending section 401.5
401.5 Making false report, shall be amended to read:
A person shall not give, signal or transmit a false alarm of fire or any other false alarm requiring the response of any emergency equipment, vehicle or fire personnel. A violation of this section is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 along with court costs and cost of prosecution or by imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 403 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REQUIREMENTS is amended by adding sections 403.12.2.1, 403.12.2.2 and 403.12.2.3
403.12.2.1 Fee established, shall be added to read:
There is hereby established a service fee, the amount of which is to be set, from time to time by resolution of city council, to be charged to any person or persons who require or necessitate the use of any emergency medical care or emergency services provided by the City of East Lansing. Said charge shall be for emergency medical or transportation services which occur within or without the corporate limits of the City of East Lansing.

403.12.2.2 Payment, shall be added to read:
The treasurer shall bill the person or persons for the charge as established by council. Payment shall be due within 60 days of the date of such statement.

403.12.2.3 Penalty for late payment, shall be added to read as follows:
Any charge for emergency care or transportation services which remains unpaid for more than 60 days shall be subject to a late payment penalty of four percent of the invoice. The city may enforce payment by a suit in assumpsit for any invoice more than 60 days overdue or may take such further action as provided by law.

CHAPTER 11: CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS

SECTION 1103 FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS is amended by amending 1103.8.3
1103.8.3 Power source, shall be amended to read:
Single-station smoke alarms shall receive their primary power from the building wiring Provided that such wiring is served from a commercial source and shall be equipped with a battery backup. Smoke alarms with integral strobes that are not equipped with battery backup shall be connected to an emergency electrical system. Smoke alarms shall emit a signal when the batteries are low. Wiring shall be permanent and without a disconnecting switch other than required for overcurrent protection.
Exceptions:
1. Smoke alarms are permitted to be solely battery operated in existing buildings where construction is not taking place if those batteries are ten-year non-replaceable lithium power cells.
2. Smoke alarms are permitted to be solely battery operated in buildings that are not served from a commercial power source if those batteries are ten-year non-replaceable lithium power cells.
3. Smoke alarms are permitted to be solely battery operated in existing areas of buildings undergoing alterations or repairs that do not result in the removal of interior walls or ceiling finishes exposing the structure if those batteries are ten-year non-replaceable lithium power cells, unless there is an attic, crawl space or basement available that could provide access for building wiring without the removal of interior finishes.

CHAPTER 56: EXPLOSIVES AND FIREWORKS

SECTION 5601 GENERAL is amended by adding 5601.1.6
5601.1.6 Consumer fireworks, shall be added to read:
The ignition, discharge and use of consumer fireworks is governed by Sec. 26-66 of Division 2 – Disorderly Conduct – of Chapter 26 – Offenses of the Code of the City of East Lansing. The City Fire Marshal and his or her designees shall have the authority to enforce that section of the code and issue appearance citations or civil infraction citations as appropriate.

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Local leaders remember Mark Brown, 'gentlemanly' activist

Whether it was a rally to protect DREAMers, or to chastise the federal policy of separating children from their families at the border, he was there. If it was women's rights or LGBTQ equality, he was there, smiling. And quietly, fiercely, behind the scenes Mark Brown battled systemic racial inequities.

Funeral and visitation for Mark Brown

Friday Nov. 20, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Paradise Funeral Home, 1107 Miller Road. The family is soliciting funds to pay for Brown's funeral. You can donate here: <https://www.gofund-me.com/f/mark-brown-funeral-funds?fbclid=IwAR0qghduvmlALM-JoDpYghndzyeXIHrB-JtW5CuTcUC3hlfbsiNgYksFGkO0>

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF INGHAM PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

In the matter of Sharlene Ruffin. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: MITTIE (RUFFIN) WEST, BOBBY RUFFIN, ERIC RUFFIN, SHERYLL RUFFIN, SHAUNA RUFFIN, whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: I, Don Ruffin, intend to request my informal appointment as personal representative of the estate. The court will not act upon my application until 14 days after the date of this notice. The actions you may take include: a) Upon paying a filing fee, filing a petition for formal proceedings to appoint a personal representative, b) Upon paying a filing fee, filling an application for informal appointment of yourself as personal representative provided you have higher priority to be appointed, or c) Contacting an attorney for assistance in representing you in any proceeding you wish to file with the court.

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1483 Haslett Rd
Haslett, MI 48840 (517) 515-5000

Don Ruffin
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With an affable manner and broad, welcoming smile, Brown, 51, who died Nov. 9 after being treated for a lung ailment, brought his fierce passion to the table to fight for the least among us, movement leaders and politicians said.

Lorenzo Lopez, who worked with him on immigration and L G B T Q issues, said Brown was a fierce and strong advocate who just did the work. Lopez said



Courtesy

Mark Brown toasts the renaming of Grand River Avenue in Old Town as Cesar Chavez. With him (from left) are Sol Garcia, Francisca Garcia and Natalia Reyes. In the back is Lorenzo Lopez.

he knew if he needed an item for an event — water, sound systems, tables — Brown was a phone call away and would get it done.

"That's a big impact he had on this community," Lopez said. "There's not a lot of people like that in the world."

Bishop David Maxwell recalled hearing about Brown and seeing him at various events. But he came face to face with him when Brown showed up at the office of then-Mayor Virg Bernero, seeking support to gather water to donate to

Flint residents

"He was instrumental in organizing 35,000 bottles of water for Flint," said Maxwell, a minister and the director of the Mayor's Office of Community and Faith-Based Initiatives in Lansing. "It was half a truckload."

Brown's "gentlemanly approach" to his advocacy attracted Maxwell. He said while Brown certainly argued passionately for those he supported, he also worked to reconcile with those he was fighting.

"He was a rare blend of passion — I would say aggressive passion," Maxwell said. "He fought for the betterment of those people who are disenfranchised."

Patricia Spitzley, a Lansing City Councilwoman at-large, said Brown worked on the Council's ad-hoc committee on diversity and inclusion.

"He always came to the table prepared," she said. "He was ready, he engaged and he pushed for change."

Brown pushed for change throughout Greater Lansing. Lansing Police Chief Daryl Green said he first encountered Brown during Brown's advocacy for police reform. "He was there before the George Floyd incident, working for reform," he said in a phone interview.

Two years ago, working with the Lansing Branch of the ACLU, Brown began a rare public drive for change and education in Delhi Township. He brought to light the story of John Taylor, a black Union soldier who was lynched by an angry mob in 1866.

Brown's advocacy, bringing historians and leaders in Delhi Township together, brought about a change in the park's name. It is now known as John Taylor Memorial Park.

"Mr. Brown was one of the biggest proponents of the project, serving on the citizens committee and helping see it through to completion," said Mark Jenks, director of Delhi Township Parks and Recreation. "He was a dedicated leader in our community and involved in several projects and was never concerned about receiving praise for his work. That's just the type of guy he was — he was about getting the work done, not the credit. I had hoped that we would be able to collaborate on more projects. His passing is a big loss for our community."

— TODD HEYWOOD

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CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDINANCE NO. 1489

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-253 OF DIVISION 1 – GENERALLY- AND SECTIONS 2-361 AND 2-362 OF DIVISION 6 – HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION – OF ARTICLE V – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – OF CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION - AND SECTIONS 22-32, 22-38 AND 22-39 OF ARTICLE II – CIVIL RIGHTS – OF CHAPTER 22 – HUMAN RELATIONS – AND SECTIONS 26-409 AND 26-436 OF DIVISION 5- SMOKING – OF ARTICLE IV – NUISANCES – OF CHAPTER 26 – OFFENSES - OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING AND TO RENAME THE TITLES OF DIVISION 6 O---F ARTICLE V AND CHAPTER 22 IN ORDER TO RENAME THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

THE CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDAINS:

Sections 2-253, 2-361, 2-632, 22-32, 22-38, 22-39, 26-409 and 26-436 as well as the title of Division 6 of Article V of Chapter 2 and Chapter 22 of the Code of the City of East Lansing are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-253. - Boards and commissions created; number of members.

The following boards and commissions are hereby created, and shall be composed of a maximum of nine members unless otherwise stated:

- (1) Elected officers compensation commission.
- (2) Transportation commission.
- (3) Arts commission.
- (4) Planning commission.
- (5) Human Rights commission.
- (6) Commission on the environment.
- (7) Housing commission.
- (8) University student commission.
- (9) Seniors' commission.
- (10) Building board of appeals. The membership, powers, and duties of the building board of appeals shall be as prescribed by chapter 6, article II.
- (11) Zoning board of appeals. The membership, powers and duties of the zoning board of appeals shall be as prescribed by chapter 50, article II, division 2.
- (12) Historic district commission. The membership, powers, and duties of the historic district commission shall be as prescribed in chapter 20, article II.
- (13) Parks and recreation advisory commission which shall be composed of seven members.
- (14) Active living for adults (ALFA) advisory commission which shall be composed of seven members.

DIVISION 6. - HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Sec. 2-361. - Purpose; membership.

The Human Rights Commission of the City of East Lansing is hereby created to implement the civil rights ordinance of the city regarding the enjoyment of civil rights and to enhance the provisions of the civil rights ordinance as set forth in this Code. The human rights commission shall consist of members who shall be representative of the population of the city, especially those groups protected by the civil rights ordinance, and shall include residents of areas where significant amounts of community development activity are proposed or ongoing. 3

³ These specifics re membership may be adequately covered by section 2-241.

Sec. 2-362. - Duties.

The human rights commission shall:

- (1) Protect and promote human dignity and respect for the rights of all individuals and groups within the city.
- (2) Study problems arising between groups or individuals in the city which may result in tensions, discrimination, or harassment on account of religion, race, color, national origin, age, height, weight, disability, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, student status, or because of the use by an individual of adaptive devices or aids.
- (3) Issue reports and make recommendations to the city council based upon its studies and findings from public hearings.
- (4) Formulate and carry out programs of community education, by itself or in cooperation with other agencies, organizations, or associations, public and private, for the purpose of discouraging and eliminating any such tensions, discrimination, harassment, or prejudice.
- (5) Review the status of social services provided to East Lansing residents, including the nature, quality, effectiveness, availability, and accessibility thereof. To this end, the commission shall maintain a liaison with appropriate local, county, and state government agencies, as well as private community service organizations.
- (6) Make recommendations concerning programs, and seek the establishment of programs that will provide a better quality of life in the areas of mental health and general health services, substance abuse services, and other services for the various populations of the city.
- (7) Establish procedures to mediate disputes between individuals, neighbors, and groups within the city which arise from discrimination contrary to the rights set forth in chapter 22, article II of this Code or any rules promulgated pursuant to this Code, or from tensions or prejudice.
- (8) Establish and implement procedures to receive, initiate, investigate, mediate, conciliate, adjust, dispose of, issue orders, and hold hearings on complaints as provided in section 22-38 of this Code alleging a violation of chapter 22, article II of this Code or any rules promulgated pursuant to this Code.
- (9) Recommend to the city council measures, including legislation, directed toward improving human relations within and among the various population groups of the city.
- (10) Work with other units of government to meet the commission's duties and responsibilities and accomplish its goals.

Chapter 22 HUMAN RIGHTS

Sec. 22-32. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article or in policies or guidelines implementing this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where

the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Age means chronological age, except as otherwise provided by law.

Commission means the East Lansing Human Rights Commission.

Contractor means a person or business that provides goods or services to the city.

Disability means that term as defined at section 103(d) of the Persons With Disabilities Civil Rights Act, Public Act No. 220 of 1976 (MCL 37.1103(d)).

Gender identity or expression means a person's actual or perceived gender, including a person's self-image, appearance, expression, or behavior, whether or not that self-image, appearance, expression, or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person's biological sex as assigned at birth.

General business practice means the typical, standard or usual manner in which a person or entity performs or habitually engages in the operation of a particular aspect of its business; or the customary action a person or entity takes in the operation of its business.

Marital status means being single, divorced, widowed, separated or married, and the conditions associated therewith, including pregnancy and parenthood.

National origin includes the national origin of an ancestor, and shall include persons who are not naturalized citizens.

Sex includes, but is not limited to, pregnancy, childbirth, or a medical condition related to pregnancy, or childbirth. Discrimination because of sex includes sexual harassment which means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct or communication of sexual nature when:

- (1) Submission to such conduct or communication is made a term or condition either explicitly or implicitly to obtain employment, public accommodations or public services, education, or housing.
- (2) Submission to or rejection of such conduct or communication by an individual is used as a factor in decisions affecting such individual's employment, public accommodations or public services, education, or housing.
- (3) Such conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's employment, public accommodations or public services, education, or housing; or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive employment, public accommodation, public service, educational or housing environment.

Sexual orientation means being or regarded as being heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, or having a history of such identification.

Student status refers to a person enrolled in an educational institution recognized by the State of Michigan in pursuit of a recognized degree.

To harass means to have physical conduct or communication which refers to an individual protected under this article, when such conduct or communication has the effect of substantially interfering with an individual's employment, public accommodations or public services, education, or housing, or creating a hostile employment, public accommodations, public services, educational, or housing environment.

Sec. 22-38. – Complaint process.

- (a) As used in this section, the human rights commission shall mean the whole commission or the designee of the commission which may be a subcommittee of the commission.
- (b) The human rights commission may receive, initiate, investigate, mediate, conciliate, adjust, dispose of, issue orders, and hold hearings on complaints alleging a violation of this article.
- (c) Any person claiming to be aggrieved by a violation of civil rights as set out in this article may file with the human rights commission a signed, notarized complaint, in writing, which shall state the name and address of the person alleged to have deprived him/her of a civil right, the nature and date of the alleged deprivation. A person filing a complaint must do so within 180 days of the incident or situation which is the cause of the complaint.
- (d) Upon the filing of such a complaint, the human rights commission may investigate such alleged deprivation of a civil right. If it is determined that no violation of civil rights has occurred, the commission shall state such finding and dismiss the complaint. If upon investigation the commission finds that a violation of this article has occurred, the commission shall attempt to mediate the matter. In the event that the commission holds any hearings in the process of its investigations, written notice to the complainant and respondent shall be made.
- (e) In the course of its investigations, the commission may, through court authorization, require answers to interrogatories, order the submission of books, papers, records, and other materials pertinent to a complaint, and require the attendance of witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony and compel compliance with its orders.
- (f) Any time after a complaint has been filed, the commission is authorized to and may assist the complainant in filing a complaint with an appropriate state or federal agency.
- (g) If the commission, after receiving a complaint, and after failing to mediate the matter, determines that the respondent has violated this article, the commission may refer the matter to the MDCR and/or the CA for appropriate action.
- (h) Action ordered under this section may include, but is not limited to, an order which requires:
 - (1) Hiring, reinstatement, or upgrading of employees with or without back pay.
 - (2) Admission or restoration of individuals to labor organization membership, admission to or participation in a guidance program, apprenticeship training program, on-the-job training program, or other occupational training or retraining program, with the utilization of objective criteria in the admission of persons to those programs.
 - (3) Admission of persons to a public accommodation.
 - (4) Sale, exchange, lease, rental, assignment, or sublease of real property to a person.
 - (5) Extension to all persons of the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of the respondent.
 - (6) Reporting as to the manner of compliance.
 - (7) Requiring the posting of notices in a conspicuous place which the commission may publish or cause to be published setting forth requirements for compliance with civil rights law or other relevant information which the commission determines necessary to explain those laws.
 - (8) Payment to an injured party of profits obtained by the respondent through violation of this article.
 - (9) Payment to the complainant of damage for an injury or loss caused by a violation of this article, including reasonable attorney fees plus statutory interest from the date of occurrence.
 - (10) Payment to the complainant of all or a portion of the costs of maintaining the action before the commission, including reasonable attorney fees and expert witness fees, when the

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- commission determines that award to be appropriate.
- (11) In addition to any other penalty or legal remedy available to the City of East Lansing or any complainant under this article, a person who is convicted in district court of a violation of any provision of this article, or any rule or regulation adopted or issued in pursuance thereof, may be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 and cost of prosecution or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each act of violation and every day upon which such violation shall occur constitutes a separate offense. The penalty provided in this section, unless another penalty is expressly provided therein, shall apply to each and every addition to this article and to the amendment of any section thereof without the necessity of providing such penalty in the ordinance making any such addition or amendment.
- (12) Any other relief the commission deems appropriate.
- (i) In addition, in the case of a respondent operating by virtue of a license issued by the city, the commission, upon finding that the respondent has violated this article and that the violation was authorized, requested, commended, performed, or permitted by the board of directors of the respondent or by an officer or agent acting within the scope of his/her employment, may refer the matter to the city clerk and/or city manager and such violations of this article shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of the respondent's license.
- (j) The commission shall monitor contracts to insure compliance by a contractor or subcontractor.
- (1) In the case of a respondent who violates this article in the course of performing under a contract or subcontract with the city, where the violation was authorized, requested, commended, performed, or permitted by the board of directors of the respondent or by an officer or agent acting within the scope of his/her employment, the commission shall so certify to the contracting agency. The finding is binding on the contracting agency.
- (2) Upon receiving a certification made under this section, the city, or a contracting agency of the city, shall take appropriate action to terminate a contract or portion thereof previously entered into with the respondent, either absolutely or on condition that the respondent carry out a program of compliance with this article. The city, or any agency of the city, shall not enter into further contracts or extensions or modifications of existing contracts with the respondent until the commission is satisfied that the respondent carries out policies that conform to this article.
- (k) This article shall not be so construed as to diminish the rights of a person to direct or immediate legal or equitable remedies in the courts of this state.
- (l) Two or more persons shall not conspire to, or a person shall not retaliate or discriminate against a person because a person has opposed a violation of this article, or because the person has made a charge, filed a complaint, testified, assisted, or participated in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this article. A violation of this subsection shall be punishable as provided by section 1-12 of this Code.
- (m) This article shall not be construed as preventing the commission from securing civil rights guaranteed by law other than the civil rights set forth in this article, nor as restricting the implementation of approved plans, programs, or services to eliminate discrimination and the effects thereof when appropriate.

Sec. 22-39. - Posting requirements.

- (a) *Employer posting requirements.* The city shall provide a notice as set forth in subparagraph (c) to all employers with places of business within the City of East Lansing which the employer shall post in a conspicuous area of their place of business, readily visible to employees.
- (b) *Rental unit posting requirements.* The city shall include on all rental unit licenses the notice described in subparagraph (c) of this section. All owners of rental units and/or their legal agents required to display a rental unit license pursuant to provision ES- 1005.11 of section 6-175 of chapter 6 of this Code, shall display the rental license in a manner that the notice contained in subparagraph (c) of this section is visible. Owners of class V rental licenses shall display the license and notice contained in subparagraph (c) of this section in their rental offices in a place readily visible to prospective tenants.
- (c) *Notice.* The notice prepared by the city for posting pursuant to subparagraph (a) shall be capitalized, in no less than 12-point type and shall read as follows:

EAST LANSING ORDINANCES PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE BECAUSE OF RELIGION, RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, DISABILITY, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION, STUDENT STATUS, USE OF ADAPTIVE DEVICES OR AIDS OR LEGAL SOURCE OF INCOME.

PERSONS DENIED EQUAL OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE OF THESE REASONS MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE EAST LANSING HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WITHIN 180 DAYS OF THE INCIDENT OF DISCRIMINATION.

SEE ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING FOR

DETAILS, OR CONSULT A LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE.

- (d) *Penalty.* A person who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction and is punishable as provided in section 1-13 of this Code.

Sec. 26-409. - Nondiscrimination.

No person or employer shall discharge, or in any manner discriminate against any employee because such employee exercises any rights afforded by this division. In addition to any other remedy or penalty provided by this division, any person who is aggrieved by any employer with respect to other terms or conditions of employment in the exercise of rights guaranteed hereunder may file a complaint with the East Lansing Human Rights Commission and such complaint shall be adjudicated, adjusted, or remedied in the same manner as a violation of a civil right which is declared or protected by this division.

Sec. 26-436. - Licensing of retailers.


- (a) License required; exception. No person shall sell or deliver tobacco or tobacco products at retail unless that person possesses a valid tobacco retailer's license from the city clerk for each location where tobacco sales are conducted. The license shall be issued for a three-year term. This subsection shall not apply to distribution by an individual to family members or acquaintances on private property that is not open to the public.
- (b) License application and issuance. Application for a tobacco retailer's license shall be submitted in the name of the person proposing to conduct retail sales of tobacco and shall be signed by such person or his/her agent. All applications shall be submitted on a form supplied by the city clerk and accompanied by the required license fee. The application form shall contain at least the following information:
- (1) The name, home address, home telephone number, date, place of birth, and social security number of the applicant if the applicant is an individual.
- (2) The names, addresses, telephone numbers, and social security numbers of any partners or corporate officers.
- (3) The business name, address, and telephone number of the establishment where tobacco is retailed.
- (c) Nontransferability. A tobacco retailer's license is nontransferable, except if a tobacco retailer changes location, a new tobacco retailer's license will be issued for the new address upon receipt of an application for change of location. The license will retain the same expiration date as that previously issued.
- (d) License display. A current tobacco retailer's license shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in each location where tobacco sales are conducted. In the case of tobacco vending machines, a current tobacco retailer's license shall be conspicuously displayed on each vending machine.
- (e) License suspension or revocation. A tobacco retailer's license shall be suspended or revoked by the city manager for cause as provided by section 8-67 and section 8-68 of this Code if the licensee fails to comply with the provisions of this division. These sanctions are in addition to the monetary penalties provided for in section 26-411. A license shall be suspended or revoked as follows:
- (1) In the case of a first and single violation of this division, the licensee shall be given notification, in writing, of provisions for license suspension or revocation in the event of additional or further violations.
- (2) In the case of two violations within a single three-year licensing term, the license shall be suspended for 30 days.
- (3) In the case of three violations within a single three-year licensing term, the license shall be suspended for 90 days.
- (4) In the case of four violations within a single three-year licensing term, the license shall be revoked for one year.
- (5) The city manager may, in appropriate cases, giving due consideration to financial hardship, the nature of the violations and other peculiar circumstances of time and place, reduce the sanction to the next highest level or limit the sanction to particular tobacco products or classes of tobacco products or both.
- (6) Decisions of the city manager may be appealed to the East Lansing Human Rights Commission in the manner provided by section 26-408(c). Such appeal shall be filed within ten days after the order is served on the licensee. An appeal shall stay all proceedings until a final decision by the commission.
- (f) Injunctive proceedings. Notwithstanding the existence and pursuit of any other remedy, the city manager or his/her designee, without posting bond, may maintain an action in a court of competent jurisdiction for an injunction or other process against any person to restrain or prevent a violation of this division.

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Ingham County Land Bank celebrates 15 years

In 2005, Ingham County formed the state's second Land Bank. The timing was worthy of Nostradamus.

"There was no housing crisis, no Great Recession," Land Bank chairman and Ingham County Treasurer Eric Schertzing said. "Thank God we had the Land Bank when they came."

Greasing the skids for tax-foreclosed and mortgage-foreclosed properties to be renovated, demolished or turned into gardens isn't all the Land Bank does, but that's still its core mission. If neglected houses are like teeth, it falls to the Land Bank to decide where to put in bridgework, where to do a root canal, which ones to polish and which ones to pull.

"It's been a fascinating 15 years," Schertzing said, with droll understatement.

While in its infancy, the Land Bank was slammed with a tsunami of tax and mortgage foreclosures — over 2,000 a year at the height of the Great Recession. That crisis has receded, but the incremental work of keeping land and buildings in use, and promoting home ownership for everyone, continues.

It's hard to pop out for a doughnut in Lansing, let alone drive across town, without passing a property the Land Bank has touched. In 15 years, the Land Bank has invested \$58 million in federal, state and local funds to renovate 255 single-family homes, build 42 new single-family homes, establish nearly 200 garden parcels, demolish about 800 buildings, sell over 500 vacant lots and broker the sale of over 20 commercial properties for development.

Land Bank director Roxanne Case said the mission hasn't changed in 15 years.

"The goal is to get properties back into productive use and back on the tax rolls," Case said.

Back in 2005, State Rep. Dan Kildee of Flint

had to warm a reluctant Schertzing to the concept. Genesee County established the state's first land bank in 2004. It took a little while for Schertzing, a proud Lansing booster, to accept the idea that the capital city needed the kind of residential dental work Flint or Detroit did. "But we did, and we do," Schertzing said.

Case was hired in late 2010, at the height of the Great Recession, as part of a staff expansion made possible by \$18 million of federal stimulus money.

Foreclosures today number in the low hundreds, but there's still a lot of work to do.

"In a perfect world, I should be working myself out of a job," Case said. "Everyone's taxes would be paid and there would be no foreclosures, but we're still forging through it, trying to help with affordable housing."

Some of the Land Bank's new builds and rehabs are sold at market rate and others go to income-qualified buyers, depending on the source of funding. Others are sold as fixer-uppers.

Contractors are happy to get the rehab work, especially when times are slow. Dozens of contractors work on the average Land Bank project like the modest bungalow on 530 Pacific Ave., across from the old John Bean factory.

The house got the standard Land Bank makeover, including gutted and rebuilt kitchen and bathrooms, energy efficient windows, a new roof and furnace, new plumbing, refinished floors and new wiring.

More than 30 contractors tromped over the grounds, including five roofers, three men working on the exterior shell, a plumber, an electrical contractor, four painters, a carpenter, a cabinet specialist and a sewer specialist and a mysterious figure named "Little Tony."

The Land Bank still has about 1,000 residential, commercial and industrial vacant lots, most of them in Lansing. Full city lots are sold at market rate; "side lots" are offered to neighboring landowners at reduced rates, with the help of federal funding sources.

The Land Bank has also created a pipeline of over 200 properties sold to nonprofits and investors for development or renovations, including signature Lansing projects like the Capital City Market complex and the renovation of the old School for the Blind.

Some demolitions result in shovel-ready projects — literally. The Land Bank's Garden Project supports 75 gardens across Lansing, about four acres in



Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse

(Above) Urbandale Farms on the east side is among the largest of nearly 200 garden parcels the Land Bank's Garden Project has set up in the past 15 years.

(Right top and bottom) The \$50,000 makeover of a tax-foreclosed, vacant house at 530 Pacific Ave. in south Lansing is one of 255 renovations the Ingham County Land Bank has done in its 15 years of existence.



all. There are small household gardens, community gardens and large-scale urban farms like Urbandale Farms on the city's east side.

"It just keep expanding," Case said, ticking off some of the benefits. "It keeps the land in use, supplies local markets with fresh produce and even helps improve drainage on the east side's flood plain."

In exchange for use of the property, neighbors pay a modest fee and agree to take care of the land. The Garden Project offers soil test, tilling, compost and plant starts.

"My big dream 15 years ago was that the houses we build and renovate, the blighted houses we demolish, would play a critical supporting role in contributing to population growth in Lansing," Schertzing said. "And, in fact, for the last five or six years, population in Lansing has grown. Flint, Detroit, Jackson would kill for that." After a decade of steady decline from 128,000 in 1996, Lansing's population grew from its recent low point of 114,309 in 2010 to 118,427 in 2018.

Now Schertzing is focused on a new set of problems that come with that success.

"We need to do more housing and it needs to be more diverse," he said. "Not just single family, but 'the missing middle' — the townhouses, the row houses, the condos. We need to line our boulevards and main roads, our transit corridors, with services and housing. We can do it."

Schertzing sees low-income housing as a critical need. This year, Schertzing gave his staff and board members copies of a landmark study of residential discrimination, Richard Rothstein's

"The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America." He's reading through it a second time to fully absorb the sobering lesson that active policy measures, not just under-the-radar redlining, have kept the nation's cities segregated for decades.

"It is so powerful, so good, so unsettling," Schertzing said. "Anybody that cares about fixing this country needs to read it."

One obstacle to embedding diverse housing options into Lansing's residential fabric is that federal subsidies ebb and flow. If the Land Bank began 15 years ago with an idea imported from Flint, Schertzing is now looking to Ann Arbor for a lesson in how to stay around another 15 years.

On Nov. 3, Ann Arbor voters approved a 20-year, 1-mill tax that would create up to 1,500 units of affordable housing. The regional Chamber of Commerce endorsed the proposal as a long-term solution to the city's affordability problem and a tool to attract new residents and fill out the workforce.

"That's close to what I'm talking about," Schertzing said.

"We may get lucky now and then, but we can't count on the state on the federal government for this. For the things we really need to do in our community — whether it's parks, trails, health care or housing — we can only rely on ourselves."

— LAWRENCE COSENTINO

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New pot growing business coming to Lansing’s north side

Richard Ruzich is eyeing a large expansion of his marijuana cultivation business in Lansing next year. Iliad Epic Grow, a medical and recreational marijuana cultivation company at 921 Terminal Road, on Lansing’s north side, plans to grow up to 7,000 plants total for adult-use and medical use by the end of 2021 with premium grain strains, doubling the number of plants grown by the business. The company is licensed to provide fully packaged products throughout the state.

“My whole goal was to help people with alternative pain management,” Ruzich said. “My goal is to keep that pipeline open for medical patients.”

He coined the term “affect-exact,” meaning a premium grade of marijuana plant strains that will bring about the desired affect in “an exacting fashion,” he said.

Approximately 20% of the space will be dedicated to plant cultivation for medical use, he said.

Ruzich is harnessing his background in public service for this endeavor. He retired with the rank of lieutenant commander from the U.S. Navy in 2013 working as an intelligence officer, and he also served as a trial attorney in the patent litigation department of the U.S. Department of Justice. He’s also worked as an electrical engineer at companies in Chicago, and in Long Island, New York.

But personal experience led him into the marijuana business.

Ruzich said his mother, a pancreatic cancer survivor living in Chicago who is 87 years old, did not have

medical marijuana available to her in that state if she wanted it.

“That’s where my interest started,” he said.

There are 261,989 medical marijuana patients throughout the State of Michigan as of March 31, according to the Marijuana Policy Project, a Washington, D.C.-based lobbying organization founded in 1995 to advocate for change to marijuana laws across the country.

The company grows plants and sells the flowers, buds and other parts of the plant that contain THC directly to processors, dispensaries and other cultivations. The flowers, buds and other parts of the plant that contain THC can be used to make edible gummies and other products. The finished products with the company’s name on it are distributed to a dispensary for sale.

“The demand has skyrocketed, not so much from COVID. It’s becoming much more acceptable,” Ruzich said.

From December 2019 to July of this year, recreational marijuana sales across Michigan grew more than eight times to more than \$10 million in product weekly, according to state records.

Ruzich chose Lansing to base the business for a few reasons.

“I think there’s a lot of local talent in the area and Michigan State University, and being in the capital, you kind of are the first to hear of any challenges or legal changes or anything coming down the pipe when it comes to legislation,” he said.

John Merideth, owner of the CHM1 medical marijuana processing facility in Harrison Township, said CHM1 processes the plant materials obtained from Iliad Epic Grow and extracts them into essential oils, which are then used to create products such as gummies.

Attorney experience at the U.S. Department of Justice helps Ruzich’s business stand out, Meridith said.

“That’s going to provide safe products to the consumer,” he said. “He’s in it for the long haul. He’s invested his life into it.”

— SEAN BRADLEY



Sean Bradley/City Pulse

Iliad Epic Grow founder Richard Ruzich dons a Tyvek full-body suit to keep out pollen while showing the second stage of the plant growing process known as vegetation. After spending up to three weeks in the germination stage, the plants — separate strains grown for medical, and adult, use — are moved to this room where they receive light 24 hours a day. All of the plants in this room are female, meaning they have THC.



Sean Bradley/City Pulse

Iliad Epic Grow founder Richard Ruzich shows the business’s flowering room, where up to 700 marijuana plants will finish the growing process. The plants will be in the room for six to eight weeks and receiving light 12 hours a day.

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A close-up of a thick cut of steak, possibly tri-tip, showing its marbled texture.

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ORDINANCE NO. 1494

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 28-36 OF ARTICLE II – USE OF PARKS- OF CHAPTER 28 – PARKS AND RECREATION - OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING.

THE CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 28-36of Chapter 28 of the Code of the City of East Lansing is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 28-36. Alcoholic Beverages.

No person shall possess or consume any alcoholic beverage in a city park except that beer and wine may be possessed and consumed in Patriarche Park with a permit issued by the city manager or his or her designee under the rules adopted pursuant to section 28-40.

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'No solution in sight'

Regional planners plead for more transportation funds

In past decades, regional transportation plans promised a future of universal urban mobility, whether you owned a car or not. Brightly colored maps were bejeweled with dotted lines where light

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

Moving Mid-Michigan 2020-2045
Transportation plan
Board of Commissioners meeting
6-8 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 19
View draft at movingmidmichigan.org/documents
Public comment through Nov. 24 at mitrcpc.org/public-comment

rail, bus lanes and non-motorized trails would go some day, connecting everyone to a reliable and convenient transportation web.

"Moving Mid-Michigan," the 2020-2045 draft plan for Ingham, Clinton and Eaton counties, up for public comment through Wednesday, Nov. 24, is less pie in the sky than cold water in the face.

At the heart of the draft report, drawn up by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, is an urgent call for more investment in mobility and infrastructure, including "drivable roads and safe bridges."

The report acknowledges that in mid-Michigan, "private vehicles are the dominant means of travel," while lamenting a "lack of efficient, cross-boundary public transit" in the region, compounded by "ever-evolving threats to driver, bicyclist, and pedestrian safety."

But even King Car is in for a rough ride. The report makes a prediction that would surprise none of the area's motorists: "continued deterioration of pavement condition with no comprehensive solution in sight."

The commission expects about \$66 million in federal funds to be made available for transportation in the tri-county by 2045, but the empty plate dwarfs the pie. Among the "identified needs" cited for the same period are almost \$5 billion in operations and maintenance and \$4.26 billion for fresh pavement.

The plan lays out an investment strategy that, by its own account, addresses only 33% of the area's identified congestion and non-motorized needs, an abysmal 28% of pavement condition needs and 59% of safety needs.

The commission is not a political body, so the report doesn't cast blame, except to cite "a swarm of funding challenges that prevent substantial investment into fixing roads."

In more bad news, the commission

also found that the rate of car crashes in the region ticked up in 2020, after staying steady for several years. Because the main culprit is distracted driving, highway planners are running out ways to engineer safer roads and will have to rely on public awareness and education.

Curious citizens can read the full report (and weep) on the commission's website, and wash it down with a poignantly named "fiscally constrained project list" of repairs and traffic safety projects planned for area highways in the coming years.

Since the 1962 Federal Aid Highway Act, federal legislation has required metropolitan area transportation plans to be developed through a "continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive" planning process.

The Tri-County Planning Commission, the official planning body for Ingham, Clinton and Eaton counties, is required to issue a transportation plan every five years.

The draft report does include a few bright spots. It says that a new generation of cleaner vehicles has reduced emissions in the area to the point that the region's air quality status has improved beyond eligibility to receive specific federal funding for air-enhancing and congestion-reducing projects.

The commission also calls for transportation money to be spent equitably and finds that the tri-county area is doing a good job on that score. More than 78% of planned projects and over 92% of federal dollars – nearly \$1.3 billion of investment – that are specifically identified in the plan are targeted in areas with people of minority status and low-income levels.

The wild card in any plan effort these days, including this one, is the COVID-19 pandemic. The commission found that when the pandemic and subsequent lockdowns began in spring 2020, "demand on the tri-county region's transportation changed overnight," including a sudden increase in demand for outdoor activities.

Consequently, in addition to laying out the need for more sources of road funding, the plan calls for "robust improvements" in the area's trail system, in the pandemic period and beyond.

Public comment will be taken at a virtual public meeting of the Board of Commissioners Thursday, Nov. 19, or online through Nov. 24. The final report, incorporating comments and suggestions, will be ready in mid-December.

— LAWRENCE COSENTINO

City of East Lansing City Council

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AT ELECTRONIC MEETING Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of East Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan ("City") will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.**, concerning the following:

A public hearing will be held to consider an application to modify a site plan and special use permit from Gateway of East Lansing, LLC for the property at 300 West Grand River Avenue to convert retail space on the first floor to six dwelling units. The property is zoned B-2, Retail Sales Business District.

This meeting will only be held electronically pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of 1976, and the capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements set forth in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director's Emergency Orders. The purpose of the meeting will be to hold the public hearing described above and consider any other business that comes before the City Council. Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, the City gives notice of the following:

1. **Reason for Electronic Meeting.** The City is holding this meeting by electronic means only due to the restrictions imposed by the MDHHS Director's Emergency Orders. If the Orders are revised and if an in-person meeting is to be held instead of an electronic meeting, the meeting may be rescheduled to a different date and time. Notice of any such change will be posted at the City Hall and on the City's website.

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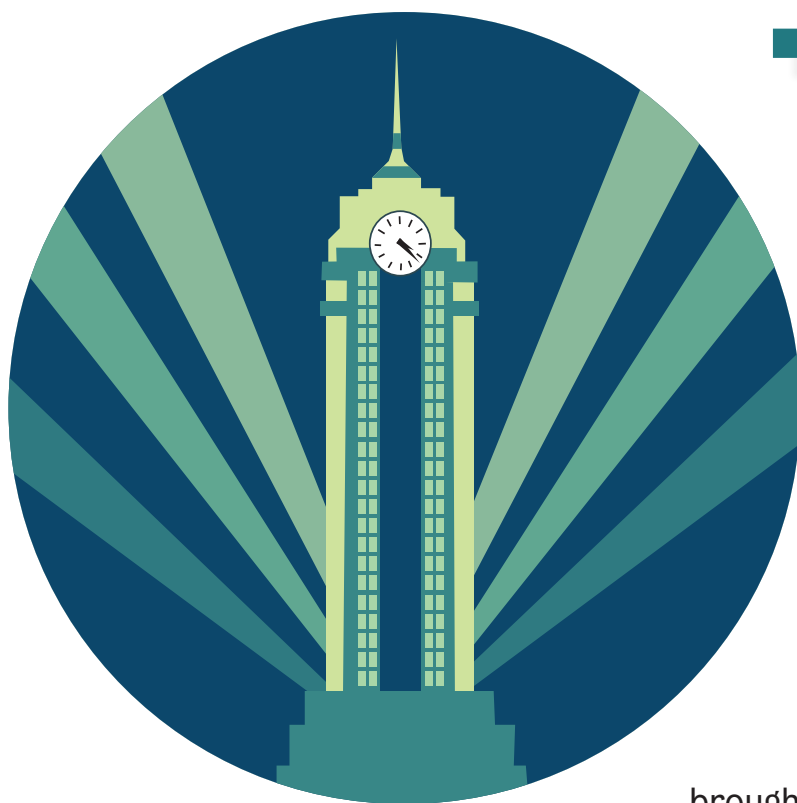
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A turbulent year for local business

By **SKYLER ASHLEY, SEAN BRADLEY and KYLE KAMINSKI**

When COVID-19 and the ensuing statewide lockdown caused the temporary closure of a vast majority of Michigan businesses, it was only logical to shelve our annual Top of the Town contest. But as local retailers and restaurants began returning (albeit with some necessary changes) we opted to reboot it with special conditions.

While this year's Top of the Town contest was a bit topsy-turvy, it didn't stop Greater Lansing from voting in droves. Altogether, we had 10,192 people cast 171,085 votes.

"I think Lansing is a really unique area because it is so, so, so supportive of small businesses. That is why we're still here, because of the support of the community," said Summer Schriner, owner of Bad Annie's in Bad Annie's Sweary Goods in Lansing.

Maintaining a high level during turbulent times

This year offered the most challenging economic landscape for many entrepreneurs. Stress has been at an all-time high as owners and employees alike stay glued to the news for updates on the pandemic. Nevertheless, the winners represented on this list still strived to provide an excellent service. And since this contest relies on the public to pick out the best, it goes without saying that their customers have

noticed.

Bad Annie's Sweary Goods, a cheeky novelty shop in Old Town, was the recipient of the Best New Business award. Schriner said the beginning days of the pandemic induced a bit of a panic. But after settling down, she quickly pivoted to online sales and made sure her customers had easy access to curbside pickups.

"This made us focus on digital so much more. We made sure that essentially the entire store was online when everything hit the fan. Our social media provided links directly to products on the website," Schriner said.

Schriner makes it a point for Bad Annie's to provide a fun and comforting shopping experience for whoever walks through the door. Stickers on the floor make social distancing a snap without the process feeling too intrusive. But it's the snarky nature of Bad Annie's products and conversations with the staff that make the store a hit.

"We're sort of a catharsis for people right now," Schriner added. "With all of the political



Courtesy

(Above) Merchandise at Bad Annie's Sweary Goods.
(Right) Summer Schriner, owner of Bad Annie's.



scares and the disaster of this administration, folks can come in and vent, take a

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deep breath and realize there are a lot of like-minded people in Lansing that want to see a change for the better and want to protect one another.”

East Side Barber Shop, which took home Best Barber Shop, is another young business that worked hard to keep up with the expectations of its clientele in the face of the coronavirus pandemic. Owner Erika Nehil-Puleo took over the business about six months before COVID-19 became widespread in Michigan.

“With barber shops, we’ve always had high regulations on sanitation. We already knew what to do. The hardest thing was getting our hands on disin-

fectant. Ever since then, we’re seeing lots of clientele come back in and we’re seeing lots of new people,” Nehil-Puleo said.

Barber shops and hair salons were also a focal point of their own controversy. As outrage against state restrictions took off, it became a common motif to see a protester holding a sign demanding they be allowed to cut their hair.

“Before, barber shops weren’t really talked about. When people started taking stances and protesting, and getting fines by cutting hair on the Capitol lawn, that’s when we started really getting noticed,” Nehil-Puleo said. “We didn’t cut people’s hair outside of the pandemic and we didn’t protest. We waited until we were told we could come back.”

Nehil-Puleo attributes the popularity of her shop to its policy of being open to anybody and providing a much-needed comfortable space during stress-



Courtesy

Owner of Meat Southern BBQ, Sean Johnson.

ful times. “We’re down to Earth and accepting of everyone and we provide a really good cut,” she said.

Shake-ups in the restaurant biz

If any industry has had to undergo a complete overhaul in 2020, it’s the restaurant world. Faced a revolving door of restrictions and regulations, dine-in service has once again been ruled off limits under orders rolled out by state officials this week.

This summer was the closest thing to “business as usual” for Meat Southern BBQ, winners of the Best BBQ and Best Online Ordering, since the pandemic took off in March. Maintaining normalcy during a pandemic, however, required a few changes.

Catering events like graduations and weddings were canceled as restrictions on gatherings were put in place, explained owner Sean Johnson. Business was down.

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Partisan divisions on full display as voters pick and choose favorite local politicians

Voters: Lansing Mayor Andy Schor is the Best (and the Worst) Politician in Greater Lansing

By KYLE KAMINSKI

Lansing Mayor Andy Schor is proving to be a divisive political figure in Lansing, emphasized in this year’s contest through simultaneously wins in the categories of Best Local Politician and Worst Local Politician — a distinction repeatedly held by his predecessor, Mayor Virg Bernero.



Schor



Bernero

Whether it’s in the form of calling for his immediate resignation or through pouring money into his political campaign, it’s clear that Lansing residents have some strong feelings about the mayor. Whether those fervent attitudes will help or hurt him at the polls in 2021 is

still uncertain.

For what it’s worth, however, Schor also secured a win as Favorite Lansing Mayoral Candidate — followed closely by former three-term Mayor Virg Bernero, who is leaning toward a campaign in 2021. Schor received 121 votes to 97 for Bernero and 92 for City Council President Peter Spadafore, who said he is not running for mayor. That potential showdown between them will be one to watch over the next few months.

Outside of the city of Lansing, rural Republican voters paraded in newly elected Republican Clinton County Prosecutor Tony Spagnuolo with



Jones

the title of Best Candidate for Clinton County. And former Michigan Sen. Rick Jones, despite losing his bid for Eaton County Sheriff this year against incumbent Tom Reich, was also named as the Best Candidate for Eaton County. It’s clear that Reich focused more on the election than rallying popular vote in this year’s contest.

Runner-ups favorites included Clinton County Commissioner Ken Mitchell and Eaton County Commissioner Terrance Augustine. Both secured another term in last month’s General Election.



Pena

Bob Pena, who was a shoe-in to be elected to the Ingham County Board of Commissioners after defeating incumbent Commissioner Thomas Morgan in the August Primary Election, was also named as the Best Candidate for Ingham County — trailed closely in vote totals by newly re-elected Democratic Ingham County Commissioners Derrell Slaughter and Todd Tennis.

At the state and national levels, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer was named as the Best State/National Politician, followed closely by U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin. As expected among Lansing’s left-leaning voters, they also picked President-Elect Joe Biden as Best Presidential Candidate.

Still, local divisions were clear between Democratic and Republican voters in Lansing. Wannabe U.S. Sen. John James and President Donald Trump were both runner-up favorites for this year.

And Trump — to absolutely no surprise — was also named as Worst State/National Politician. After next year, however, voters will need somewhere else to direct that disdain toward the government. All eyes are on Whitmer, who took second for the category in this year’s contest.





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“We were able to survive this summer and survive the fall so far,” he said, noting that an open patio helped promote social distancing and boost sales during the summer.

The restaurant, known for its smoked chicken wings and pulled pork and pulled chicken sandwiches, was forced to adapt. Like so many other businesses, it also shifted to only making orders for take-out and experimented with delivery.

“We tried doing a delivery service of our own,” Johnson added.

Still, he said customers would wait in their cars outside the restaurant to pick up their food. “You adjust what you do on a day-to-day basis as the weeks go by,” Johnson added. “For us, one of the reasons we’ve been able to weather this so well is we have a good management staff.”

Klavon’s Pizzeria in Mason, winners of the Best New Restaurant, shares the same rollercoaster ride of a restaurant experience with dozens more in Greater Lansing.

Just before coronavirus-related lockdowns occurred in early March, back-

house manager Thom Weller left on paternity leave to help to raise his newborn son.

When Weller came back to work in May, it was eerily quiet. No bussers were staffed. No bartenders either. Fewer guests also warranted fewer hosts in the restaurant.

“In that way, it felt a little bit like a ghost town,” Weller added.

Now, making as little physical contact between the staff and customers (should ever they return) is paramount while still providing excellent food and customer service.

Staff also are constantly wiping down tables, wearing gloves between transactions, and wiping down pens and clipboards for those who come inside to pay and pick up.

“Everyone is wearing a mask throughout their shift. Cleanliness became more extreme,” said Andrew Hall, assistant back house manager at Klavon’s in Mason.

The restaurant even took an extra month to prepare to reopen, doing so in early July instead of June. Klavon’s also took its still-empty dining room and used it to prepare its pizza boxes. “It was like a mini maze of pizza boxes up there,” Hall joked.

In the spring, lines of as many as 40 cars rushed the parking lot to pick up



Courtesy photos

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American Fifth's liquor selection.

Examining the results

By SKYLER ASHLEY

Every year we run this contest, we noticed some interesting results once all of the votes have been counted. This year still managed to be a hit, with 10,192 participants casting 171,085 votes.

Some decisions, such as Best Prime Rib, won by Airport Tavern, and Best Bowling Alley, won by Royal Scot, were decided with literally just a single vote. There were several other categories that were decided by a razor-thin margin, so every vote truly matters.

We incorporated two categories specific to the coronavirus pandemic, Best Online Ordering and

Best Curbside Pickup. Local champions Meat BBQ took home the Best Online Ordering award, while national chain Texas Roadhouse snatched the Best Curbside Pickup trophy. Other new categories included Best Corn Maze, won by Uncle John’s Cider Mill, and Best Escape Venue, won by Breakout Escape Rooms. Another unique new category, Best Faygo Flavor, was won by Rock N Rye. And DeLuca’s won best Ranch Dressing, which debuted last year.

Many new businesses had a strong showing in this year’s contest. Klavon’s took home Best New Restaurant and was a runner-up for Best Pizzeria, while Constellation

Cat Café won Best Hangout for Seniors and Best Trivia Night and was a runner-up for Best Hangout for Students.

Some notable winning streaks were broken. Bowdie’s Chophouse unseated Capital Prime for Best Steak and El Azteco took Best Nachos away from Meat Southern BBQ. Meanwhile, Cugino’s beat DeLuca’s for Best Italian Restaurant. Absolute Gallery came from behind to win Best Art Gallery ahead of Broad Art Museum and the Lansing Art Gallery.

Some businesses are known to absolutely sweep up the awards. This year, Horrocks was just as strong as ever, and newcomers

Homegrown Cannabis Co. dominated the marijuana categories. In the Best Whatever category, Donald Trump Signs won the coveted Worst Eyesore Award and Friendliest Staff won Best Category We Didn’t Think Of. Maybe we’ll add that next year? Lansing Facts, an online favorite of many, won Best Twitter and Best Instagram.

All in all, it’s fun to pick and choose our favorite spots to shop, eat and hangout in Lansing. But with the pandemic hurting small businesses statewide, it’s important to note that everyone can use some support and appreciation. So try your best to spread some positivity and support local business.

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food. Many customers were just happy they could still get a bite of their favorite pizza.

"I think people were mostly thankful," Hall said. "We heard the typical, 'Thank you for being open and providing food for us.' People were definitely not shy with sharing their appreciation at that point."

Blue Owl Coffee won Best (Non-Biggby) Coffee Shop and Best Solo Hangout. Co-owner Nicholas Berry said the pandemic inspired Blue Owl to rethink its limits and possibilities as a coffee shop. It also led to more involvement in the community after he found new ways to donate excess products across town via social media.

"I hope people realize how symbiotic everything is. We can't do a coffee shop without our community coming out," Berry said. "Even though we are separated thanks to the virus, it is vital to remember the importance of us connecting with each other somehow, some way, no matter what."

Berry said if and when the coronavirus pandemic finally comes to an end,



Courtesy

Baristas at Blue Owl Coffee's Old Town location.

there will be a very large passage of time that saw the community isolated from itself. He suggests: What better of a spot to reconnect, than your favorite local coffee house?

"As things open, we'll have a year under our belts of not being together. We'll have to have spaces where we can reconnect with all the stories and weight of 2020," he said. "That's what Blue Owl was built to be."

Party supplies amid the pandemic

Top of the Town voters showed up en masse to represent their favorite bars,

distilleries and marijuana provision centers. When you're locked up inside as part of a perpetual quarantine, you've got to take the edge off somehow, right?

The latest series of statewide pandemic orders forces American Fifth Spirits in Lansing's Stadium District to close its tasting room for the next three weeks, and possibly even longer. But with lemons, they're making lemonade — or in this case, maybe to-go lemonade with some gin.

Voters named American Fifth as the Best Distillery in Lansing this year. And even with dine-in business shuttered amid a pandemic, the staff kept busy by churning out more than 1,000 gallons of hand sanitizer and offering some exquisite carryout cocktail blends by the gallon.

The weather is far too cold for the expanded outdoor section to stay open, so staff encourages loyal patrons to keep ordering to-go drinks and keep an eye out for gift packs for the holidays — including kits for at-home cocktail class and baskets to send some Lansing home to the family.

"For us, it's about producing interesting and tasteful cocktails with the best ingredients we can find, which I think distinguishes us from other bars or tasting rooms," said owner Nick Garyet. "These are all handmade syrups, juices. It's all produced in house. We take that extra step."

Earlier this year, Homegrown Cannabis Co. made history by becoming the first fully licensed provisioning center to offer recreational marijuana sales in the city of Lansing. And over the last several months, the company has only solidified itself among the best

shops on the market.

This vertically integrated marijuana powerhouse touches on just about all aspects of the industry from cultivation and processing to warehousing a massive array of retail marijuana products for both the recreational and medical markets. And as if the often-crowded parking lot out front didn't speak for itself, our readers absolutely showered Homegrown with accolades this year.

Best Indica. Best Sativa. Best Concentrate. Best Grower. Best Processor. And even a curbside pickup model to help keep the business thriving, despite an ever-worsening public health crisis.

"We've really tried to stay aggressive with our pricing," explained owner Tom James. "The pandemic has hurt a lot of people financially, so we want to keep things affordable. We also buy from everybody to keep out there as much variety in products in brands as we possibly can."

With several pot shops across Michigan and beyond, Skymint Brands is making a name for itself as a power player on both the medical and recreational cannabis markets. Pot-smoking voters across the capital city made their voices heard this year in labeling the blossoming company as the architect behind the single Best Provisioning Center in Lansing.

Nature's Kyoor took the cake this year for Best CBD Store in Lansing. And with what co-owner Kenneth Kareckas calls "insanely cheaper" pricing than the competition, it's easy to see why. He isn't slinging Family Video or front-counter-at-Quality-Dairy CBD; this here is the good stuff.

"We try to have the best prices and the best quality product available. We're not trying to price gouge anyone. We're just trying to help people find the best products to fit their needs," he said.

To accommodate the decreased foot traffic amid the pandemic, Kareckas has also launched delivery available on orders of \$50 or more. Still, the new location at 4421 W. Saginaw Highway is expected to remain open (and regularly sanitized) for the foreseeable future amid COVID-19.

"When everything was all shut down, that's when we ramped up the delivery," Kareckas added. "A lot of people still came through, and we've been fortunate with some really good business."



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The crew of Nature's Kyoor.



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Bar

Cocktails

American Fifth Spirits Winner
Sanctuary - Distillery, Brewery
& Winery Second Place
Stober's Bar Runner Up

Dance Bar

Green Door Winner
Spiral Video & Dance Second Place
The Avenue Café Runner Up

Food

Art's Pub Winner
Meat BBQ Second Place
Dagwood's Tavern & Grill Runner Up

Gay/Lesbian Bar

Spiral Video & Dance Winner
The Avenue Café Second Place
Zoobie's Runner Up

Happy Hour

Zoobie's Winner
Stober's Bar Second Place
Buddie's Grill - Holt Runner Up

Jam Night

Green Door Bar & Grill Winner
Moriarty's Pub Second Place
Avenue Runner Up

Karaoke

Crunchy's Winner
Sir Pizza in Old Town Second Place
Avenue Runner Up

Lansing Area Brewery

Lansing Brewing Co. Winner
EagleMonk Pub and Brewery Second Place
Looking Glass Brewing Co. Runner Up

Lansing Area Distillery

American Fifth Spirits Winner
Sanctuary - Distillery, Brewery
& Winery Second Place
Red Cedar Spirits Runner Up

Margarita

El Azteco Winner
Cancun Mexican Grill -
Grand Ledge Second Place
Punk Taco Runner Up

Neighborhood Bar

Dagwood's Winner
Harry's Place Second Place
Art's Pub Runner Up

Open Mic Night

Crunchy's Winner
The Avenue Café Second Place
Blue Owl Coffee - EL Runner Up

Pub/Tavern

Dagwood's Winner
Art's Pub Second Place
EagleMonk Pub and Brewery Runner Up

Spartan Sports Hangout

Crunchy's Winner
Spartan Hall of Fame Café Second Place
Harrison Roadhouse Runner Up

Sports Bar

Nuthouse Sports Grill Winner
Reno's - East Second Place
Frank's Press Box Runner Up

Dining

Bagels

Flour Child Bakery Winner
Big Apple Bagels Second Place
Good Fellas Bagel Deli Runner Up

Bakery

Flour Child Bakery Winner
Bake N' Cakes Second Place
Groovy Donuts Runner Up

BBQ

MEAT Southern BBQ Winner
Saddleback BBQ -
REO Town Second Place
Saddleback BBQ -
Okemos Runner Up

Breakfast

Good Truckin' Diner Winner
Golden Harvest Second Place
Fidler's on the Grand Runner Up

Brunch

Soup Spoon Cafe Winner
Good Truckin' Diner Second Place
People's Kitchen Runner Up

Burger

Crunchy's Winner
Dagwoods Tavern and Grill Second Place
Kewpee Sandwich Shoppe Runner Up

Chinese

P.F. Changs Winner
Chen's Restaurant Second Place
Charlie Kang's Restaurant Runner Up

Cider

Uncle John's Cider Mill Winner
Quality Dairy Second Place
Country Mill* Runner Up

Coney Dog

Sparty's Coney Island Winner
Olympic Broil Second Place

Nip N Sip Drive In Runner Up

Deli

Horrocks Farm Market Winner
Monticello's Market
& Butcher Block Second Place
StateSide Deli & Restaurant
Okemos Runner Up

Dessert

MSU Dairy Store Winner
Tasty Twist Second Place
Dairy Dan Runner Up

Diner

Fleetwood Diner Winner
Good Truckin' Diner Second Place
Dagwood's Tavern & Grill Runner Up

Donuts

Quality Dairy Winner
Groovy Donuts Second Place
Strange Matter Runner Up

Family Friendly Restaurant

DeLuca's Restaurant Winner
Cugino's Second Place
Cosmos Runner Up

Fast Food

Chick-fil-A Winner
Olympic Broil Second Place
El Oasis Runner Up

Faygo Flavor

Rock N Rye Winner
Red Pop Second Place
Creme Soda Runner Up

Fish Fry

Eastside Fish Fry Winner
Log Jam Second Place
Harry's Place Runner Up

Food Truck

El Oasis Winner
Pancho's Taqueria Second Place
Smoke N' Pig BBQ Runner Up

French Fries

HopCat Winner
Five Guys Burger & Fries Second Place
Zoobie's Old Town Tavern Runner Up

Fried Chicken

Eastside Fish Fry & Grill Winner
Chick-fil-A Second Place
Meat BBQ Runner Up

Greek Restaurant

Zaytoon Mediterranean Winner
Woody's Oasis Second Place
Zeus' Coney Island Runner Up

Hibachi

Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar
Lans/Woodlake combined

Ukai Japanese Steakhouse Winner
Second Place
Maru Sushi & Grill Runner Up

Ice Cream

MSU Dairy Store Winner
MOO-ville Creamery Second Place
Lick-ety Split Runner Up

Indian Restaurant

Swagath Indian Cuisine Winner
Sindhu Indian Cuisine Second Place
Persis Indian Grill Runner Up

Irish Restaurant

Moriarty's Pub Winner
Claddagh Irish Pub
(out of business) Second Place
Dublin Square Runner Up

Italian Restaurant

Cugino's Winner
DeLuca's Second Place
Tannin Runner Up

Kids-Eat-Free Restaurant

Cosmos/Zoobies Winner
Texas Roadhouse Second Place
McAlister's Deli Runner Up

Late Night Food

Fleetwood Diner Winner
Pizza House Second Place
Crunchy's Runner Up

Mediterranean Restaurant

Zaytoon Mediterranean Winner
Woody's Oasis Second Place
Aladdin's Runner Up

Mexican Restaurant - chain

Cancun Mexican Grill Winner
Fiesta Charra Second Place
Los Tres Amigos Hacienda-
W Saginaw Runner Up

Mexican Restaurant - nonchain

El Azteco - West Winner
Pablo's Old Town Second Place
Acapulco Mexican Grill Runner Up

Nachos

El Azteco - West Winner
MEAT Southern BBQ Second Place
Art's Pub Runner Up

New Restaurant

Klavon's Pizzeria & Pub Winner
Smoke N' Pig BBQ Second Place
Sleepwalker Runner Up

Olive Burger

Kewpee Sandwich Shoppe Winner
Olympic Broil Second Place

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Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
Runner Up

Pancakes

Sophias House of Pancakes
Winner
People's Kitchen
Second Place
Golden Harvest Restaurant
Runner Up

Pho

Nola Bistro
Winner
Capital City BBQ
Second Place
Taste of Thai
Runner Up

Pizza

DeLuca's
Winner
Cosmos
Second Place
Klavon's Pizzeria & Pub
Runner Up

Prime Rib

Airport Tavern
Winner
English Inn
Second Place
Capital Prime
Runner Up

Ramen

Ruckus Ramen
Winner
Noodles and Company
Second Place
Sapporo Ramen
Runner Up

Ranch Dressing

Deluca's Restaurant
Winner
Jet's Pizza
Second Place
Cugino's
Runner Up

Restaurant Beer List

HopCat
Winner
Lansing Brewing Co.
Second Place
Crunchy's
Runner Up

Restaurant for Seniors

Coral Gables
Winner

Flap Jack Shack
Second Place
Spud's Family Restaurant
Runner Up

Restaurant Wine List

Dusty's Cellar
Winner
Bridge Street Social
Second Place
Capital Prime
Runner Up

Reuben

Soup Spoon Cafe
Winner
StateSide Deli & Restaurant
Second Place
Fleetwood Diner
Runner Up

Salad

Horrocks Farm Market
Winner
Leaf
Second Place
Lansing Brewing Co.
Runner Up

Seafood

Mitchell's Fish Market
Winner
Red Lobster
Second Place
Eastside Fish Fry
Runner Up

Signature Dish

Zaytoon Mediterranean -
Chicken Shawarma
Winner
Fleetwood Diner-Hippie Hash
Second Place
Meat Southern BBQ -
Meat Mountain
Runner Up

Sliders

Green Dot Stables
Winner
Meat BBQ
Second Place
Art's Pub
Runner Up

Soup

Soup Spoon Café
Winner
Horrocks Farm Market
Second Place
Zoup!
Runner Up

Steak

Bowdies Chophouse
Winner
Capital Prime
Second Place
Texas Roadhouse
Runner Up

Sub Sandwich

Jersey Giant
Winner
Mancino's
Second Place
Firehouse Subs
Runner Up

Sushi

Maru Sushi & Grill
Winner
Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar -
West Lansing
Second Place
Sansu Sushi
Runner Up

Tacos

El Oasis
Winner
Pancho's Taqueria (Food Truck)
Second Place
Punk Taco
Runner Up

Thai

Bangkok House
Winner
Taste of Thai
Second Place
Niang Myanmar
Family Restaurant
Runner Up

Upscale Dining

English Inn
Winner
Soup Spoon Cafe
Second Place
Bowdies Chophouse
Runner Up

Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free Restaurant

Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine
Winner
Soup Spoon Café
Second Place
People's Kitchen
Runner Up

Wings

MEAT Southern BBQ
Winner
Buffalo Wild Wings
Second Place
Art's Pub
Runner Up

Hangouts

Biggby

8741 W Saginaw Hwy -
West Lansing
Winner
2250 Lake Lansing Rd.,
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Second Place
2546 E. Jolly Rd. - Lansing
Runner Up

Bowling Alley

Royal Scot
Winner
Spare Time
Second Place
City Limits - Mason
Runner Up

Coffee Shop (non-Biggby)

Blue Owl - 1149 S Washington
Winner
Strange Matter - Michigan Ave.
Second Place
Constellation Cat Cafe
Runner Up

Comedy Night

Crunchy's
Winner
Mac's Bar
Second Place
Robin Theatre
Runner Up

Corn Maze

Uncle John's Cider Mill
Winner
Shawhaven Farm
Second Place
Bestmaze Corn Maze
Runner Up

Dog Park

Hawk Island Park
Winner
Soldan Dog Park
Second Place
Dewitt dog park
Runner Up

Escape Room Venue

Breakout Escape Rooms
Winner
Challenges East Lansing
Escape Room
Second Place
Escapology Escape Rooms -
Lansing
Runner Up

Golf Course

Groesbeck Golf Course
Winner
Eagle Eye Golf Club
Second Place

Hawk Hollow Golf Course
Runner Up

Hangout for Seniors

Constellation Cat Cafe
Winner
Coral Gables
Second Place
Spud's Family Restaurant
Runner Up

Hangout for Students

High Caliber Karting and
Entertainment
Winner
Constellation Cat Cafe
Second Place
Crunchy's
Runner Up

Hangout Solo

Blue Owl Coffee
Winner
Constellation Cat Cafe
Second Place
The Avenue Cafe
Runner Up
BrickHaven Brewing Co.
Runner Up

Haunted Attraction

Demented Mitten Tours
Winner
Jackson's Underworld
Second Place
Shawhaven Farm
Runner Up

Local Attraction for Kids

Impression 5 Science Center
Winner
Potter Park Zoo
Second Place
MSU Children's Gardens
Runner Up

Movie Theater

NCG Cinema
Winner
Celebration Cinema
Second Place
Sun Theatre - Grand Ledge
Runner Up

Music Venue

Green Door
Winner
Loft
Second Place
The Avenue Cafe
Runner Up

Nature Center

Woldumar Nature Center
Winner
Fenner Nature Center
Second Place
Potter Park Zoo
Runner Up

Non-Bar or Restaurant Date

Horrocks
Winner
Old Town
Second Place
Potter Park Zoo
Runner Up

Patio

Horrocks Farm Market
Winner
El Azteco - East
Second Place
Peanut Barrel
Runner Up

Place of Worship

Riverview Church
Winner
St. Gerard
Second Place
St. John Catholic Church &
Student Center
Runner Up

Place to Play Pinball

Pinball Pete's
Winner
Grid Arcade & Bar
Second Place
The Avenue Cafe
Runner Up

Place to Play Video Games

Grid Arcade & Bar
Winner
Pinball Pete's
Second Place
The Avenue Cafe
Runner Up

Place to Shoot Pool

The Avenue Cafe
Winner
Pinball Pete's
Second Place
LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill
Runner Up

Place to Sled

Hawk Island Park
Winner
Fitzgerald Park
Second Place

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Winners

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- Granger Meadow
- Runner Up
- Public Park**
- Hawk Island Park
- Winner
- Fitzgerald Park
- Second Place

- Fenner Nature Center
- Runner Up
- Smoke Shop/Hookah Lounge**
- Wild Bill's
- Winner
- Campbell's Smoke Shop
- Second Place
- Night Hookah Lounge
- Runner Up
- Tabletop Gaming**
- Summit Comics & Games
- Winner
- The Avenue Cafe
- Second Place
- Evolution Games
- Runner Up
- Trivia Night**
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Winner
- Crunchy's
- Second Place
- Harry's Place
- Runner Up

Local Arts

- Artist (person)**
- Ryan Holmes
- Winner
- Christina Castilla
- Second Place
- Stephanie Hogan
- Runner Up

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Winners

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Choral Group

Sistrum, Lansing Winner
 Women's Chorus Second Place
 LanSing Out Runner Up
 People's Church Choir

Classical Musician

Rodney Page Winner
 Ed Fedewa Second Place
 Darin Larnier Jr Runner Up

Club DJ

Ruckus Winner
 Capitol City DJs Second Place
 Mary X Runner Up

Country Artist/Band

Shelby & Jake Winner
 Rachel Curtis Second Place
 The Swift Brothers Runner Up

Cover Band

Starfarm Winner
 Global Village Second Place
 Be Kind Rewind Runner Up

Experimental Musical Act

Atomic Boogaloo Winner
 Low Graves Second Place
 Wolf Eyes Runner Up

Folk Artist/Band

Rachel Curtis Winner
 Jen Sygit Second Place
 Abbey Hoffman Runner Up

Hip-Hop Artist/Group

Ozay Moore Winner
 James Gardin Second Place
 Sway Boi Runner Up

Jazz Musician

Root Doctor Winner
 MSU Professors of Jazz Second Place
 Jeff Shoup Runner Up

Local Theater Group

Riverwalk Theatre Winner
 Peppermint Creek Theatre Second Place
 Artist's Umbrella Runner Up

Pottery Studio

Wheel House Pottery Studio Winner
 Greater Lansing Potters' Guild Second Place
 Playing Picasso LLC Runner Up

Public Art/Sculpture

Sparty Winner
 ARTPath Second Place
 Old Town mural by Nanibah Chacon Runner Up

Punk/Metal Group

She/Her/Hers Winner
 Goddamn Gallows Second Place
 Heart of Jordan Runner Up

Rock Artist/Band

Starfarm Winner
 Jimmy Likes Pie Second Place
 From Big Sur Runner Up

People

Advocate/Activist

Gretchen Whitmer Winner
 Lysne Tait Second Place
 Mike Karl Runner Up

Bartender

Candy - Prestons Winner
 Molly Gardner - Looking Glass Second Place
 Paul Castillo - Bowdies Runner Up

Brewer

Dan Buonodono - Eaglemonk Pub and Brewery Winner
 Jeremy Sprague - Sleepwalker Spirits and Ale Runner Up
 Lee Streeter - Looking Glass Brewing Co. Runner Up

Budtender

Leslie Pinder - Skymint Winner
 Jess - Jars Second Place
 Amy Carter - Stateside Wellness Runner Up

CATA Bus Driver

Ron DeLeon Winner
 Jacob Pena Second Place
 Daniel Howard Runner Up

Chef

Linda Hundt - Sweetie-licious Bakery Cafe Winner
 Brian Pierce - Wrought Iron Grill Second Place
 Steve Swart - Ruckus Ramen Runner Up

College Instructor

Mark Stevens - Criminal Justice at LCC Winner
 Deb Bishop - LCC Second Place
 Dr. Jonathan Weaver - MSU Runner Up

Comedian

Melik Brown Winner
 Kat Logan Second Place
 Dwayne Gill Runner Up

Cosmetic Surgeon

George Poletes Winner
 Michelle Southard Second Place
 Andrew Zwyghuizen Runner Up

Dance Instructor

Clara Martinez - Everett H.S. Winner
 Marie Savala - Rising Star Second Place
 Sarah Guthrie - Dance City West Runner Up

Developer

Capital Area Housing Partnership Winner
 Brent Forsberg Second Place
 Gillespie Group Runner Up

Esthetician

Lyndsay Bowling-Gorgeous Skin by Lyndsay Winner
 Kassandra Coots - Kass Beauty Second Place
 Beth Hunt - MSU Aesthetic & Laser Treatment Center Runner Up

Food Delivery Person

Jesse Lovejoy Winner

Joshua King Second Place
 Nate Parisian Runner Up

Hair Stylist

Hayley Ragsdale - Encore Winner
 Justine Wilson - Ambiance Salon Second Place
 Hannah Rae - Salon VivEsta Runner Up

High School Coach

Pat O'Keefe (retired) - Grand Ledge High School Winner
 Chris Tyler - Waverly Second Place
 Candice Heskest - DeWitt Cheer Runner Up

High School Teacher

Ben Billings - Everett HS Winner
 Paula Hoffman - Grand Ledge HS Second Place
 Meghan Eldred-Woolsey - DeWitt Schools Runner Up

Local TV News Personality

Sheri Jones - WLNS Winner
 Emily Wahls - formerly of WLNS Second Place
 Ann Emmerich - WILX Runner Up

Massage Therapist

Eboni - Creative Wellness Winner
 Kate Prouty - Patient Relaxation, LLC Second Place
 Amber Hazen - Brad's Hair Studio Runner Up

Personal Trainer

Abdullah Muhammad - Core Wellness Winner
 Justin Grinnell - State of Fitness Second Place
 Kelli Brumbaugh - Michigan Athletic Club Runner Up

Piercer

Aaron Wood (Malibu) - Ink Therapy Winner
 Rene - Splash of Color Second Place
 Hollywood - Ink & Needle Runner Up

Police Officer

Aiko - K9 - Bath Twp. Winner
 Sara Devereaux - Grand Ledge Police Dept. Second Place
 Dillon Royst - Lansing Police Dept. Runner Up

Radio DJ

Banana Don & Stephanie McCoy Winner
 Monica Harris - 99.1 WFMK Second Place
 Joey Pants Runner Up

Realtor

Frank McGillis - ReMax Winner
 Iris Reynolds - Keller Williams Second Place
 Brecken Terry, Coldwell Banker Hubbell Briarwood Runner Up

Restaurant Waitstaff Person

Cheese - Mitchell's Fish Market Winner
 Kevin Wilson - Bowdies Chophouse Second Place
 Danielle Pendergrass - Sleepwalker Runner Up

Tattoo artist

Chris "Cali" Thompson - Splash of Color Winner

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 Comedy Night

Second Place: Trivia Night

Runner Up: Restaurant Beer List

Late Night Food

Hangout for Students



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Winners

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Shaun Friday, Ministry Ink
Second Place
Shawn Farr, Ink Therapy
Runner Up

Yoga Instructor

Belinda Thurston - JustB Winner
Deb Hart - Hilltop Second Place
Sarah Belanger - Sarah Belanger
Yoga / MI Hot Yoga Runner Up

Politics

Best Candidate for Clinton County

Tony Spagnuolo Winner
Ken Mitchell Second Place

Best Candidate for Eaton County

Rick Jones Winner
Terrance Augustine Second Place
Jeremy Whittum Runner Up

Best Candidate for Ingham County

Bob Pena Winner
Derrell Slaughter Second Place

Todd Tennis, County Commissioner
Runner Up

Best Local Politician

Andy Schor Winner
Rick Jones Second Place
Julie Brixie Runner Up

Best State/National Politician

Gretchen Whitmer Winner
Elissa Slotkin Second Place
John James Runner Up

Favorite Lansing Mayoral Candidate for next year

Andy Schor, current mayor Winner
Virg Bernero, former mayor
Second Place
Peter Spadafore Runner Up

Presidential

Joseph R. Biden, Democratic Party
Winner
Donald J. Trump, Republican Party
Second Place
None of the above Runner Up

Worst Local Politician

Andy Schor Winner
Rick Jones Second Place
Carol Wood Runner Up

Worst State/National Politician

Donald Trump Winner
Gretchen Whitmer Second Place
Rick Snyder, former Governor
Runner Up

Services

Accountant/CPA Firm

Simplified Tax Winner
Maner Costerisan Second Place
William E Boss & Associates PC
Runner Up

Apartments

The Quarry Apartments of DeWitt
Winner
Motor Wheel Lofts Second Place
Marketplace Apartments
Runner Up

Audiologist/Hearing Firm

Mid-Michigan Ear Nose & Throat
Winner

Advanced Audiology -
Linda Wright Second Place
Jacklyn Miller - Advanced
Audiology in DeWitt Runner Up

Auto Body Repair Shop

Vision Collision Winner
A & D Repair Second Place
Shaheen Chevrolet Runner Up

Auto Repair Shop

Two Sons Automotive Winner
Shaheen Chevrolet Second Place
A&D Auto Repair Runner Up

Bank

Dart Bank Winner
Huntington Bank Second Place
PNC Bank Runner Up

Barber Shop

East Side Barbershop Winner
Frantor Barbershop Second Place
The Good Life Shaving Co.
Runner Up

Bicycle Shop

Riverfront Cycle Winner
Denny's Central Park Bikes
Second Place
Eric's Bicycle Shop Runner Up

Cannabis - Growing/Processing brand

Homegrown Cannabis Winner
Skymint - E. Saginaw St
Second Place
Skymint -S. Cedar St. Runner Up

Car Wash/Detailing Service

Kwik Car Wash Winner
Fast Eddie's Oil Change
& Car Wash Second Place
Showroom Shine Runner Up

Caterer/Catering Co

MEAT Southern BBQ Winner
Saddleback BBQ Second Place
Morton's Fine Catering Runner Up

Cemetery

Mt Hope Cemetery Winner
St. Joseph Cemetery Second Place
DeepDale Memorial Gardens
Runner Up

Chiropractic Office

Rassle-Daigneault
Family Chiropractic Winner
Ledges Chiropractic Second Place
Delta Chiropractic Center
Runner Up

Cleaning Service

Domestic Divas Winner
5s Cleaning Second Place
A to Zen cleaning Runner Up

COVID - Curbside Pickup

Texas Roadhouse Winner
People's Kitchen Second Place
Saddleback BBQ Okemos
Runner Up



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Winners

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COVID - online ordering (business)

MEAT BBQ Winner
Strange Matter Coffee -
E Michigan Second Place
Sleepwalker Runner Up

Credit Union

MSU Federal Credit Union Winner
Lake Trust Credit Union -
downtown Second Place
CASE Credit Union Runner Up

Dance Studio

Karyns Dance Place Winner
Happendance Second Place
Dance City West Runner Up

Day Spa

Douglas J Salon Winner
Bliss Salon Spa Boutique
Second Place
Zoe Life Spa and Salon Runner Up

Dentist Office

McNiel Family Dentistry, PC Winner
Schaefer Dental Group
Second Place
Dr. Daniel Derksen Runner Up

Development

600 Block Michigan Avenue
Winner
The Hive - 2722 E Michigan Ave
Second Place
Cottage Lane on Leslie Runner Up

Dry Cleaners

Baryames Cleaners Winner
Maurer's Second Place
Twichell's Cleaners Runner Up

Financial Planner/Co.

Jon Grocki Winner
Financial strategies Second Place
Nick Nauta Runner Up

Funeral Home

Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes
Winner
Palmer Bush & Jensen Funeral
Second Place
Peters & Murray Funeral Home
Runner Up

Gym/Fitness Studio

Tri Fitness Winner
State of Fitness Second Place
emPOWER Lansing Runner Up

Heating/Cooling/Plumbing Co.

Hedlund Plumbing Winner
Bartlett Plumbing
and Heating Second Place
A-1 Mechanical Runner Up

Home Health Care Co.

Hospice of Lansing Winner
Sparrow Home Care Second Place
FirstLight Homecare Runner Up

Insurance Agent/Agency

Rathbun Agency, Inc. Winner
David Chapman Agency
Second Place

Meiers Lombardini
Lemanski Insurance Runner Up

Landscaping Co.

Hammond Farms
Landscape Supply Winner
Bud Branch Blossom
Second Place
Stiles Lawn, Landscaping
& Snow Removal Runner Up

Laser Hair Removal

Mirkin Electrology Winner
MSU Aesthetic & Laser Treatment
Center Second Place
Jennifer Edwards. Aesthetics
Med Spa Runner Up

Lawyer/Law Firm

Foster Swift Collins & Smith Winner
Family And Elder Law of
Mid-Michigan, P.C.
Second Place
Sinias Dramis Law Firm Runner Up

Marijuana Provisioning Center

Skymint - S Cedar St. Winner
Homegrown Provisioning
Center Second Place
Stateside Wellness Runner Up

Massage Studio

Zoe Life Spa and Salon Winner
Bee Queener Massage Therapy
Second Place
Sacred Oasis Massage
and Wellness Runner Up

Most Trustworthy Business

Playmakers Winner
Splash of Color Tattoo &
Piercing Studio Second Place
Grace Boutique Runner Up

Music Lessons

Elderly Instruments Winner
Marshall Music Second Place

MSU Community Music School
Runner Up

Nail Salon

Lynny Nails Winner
Polished Nail Salon Second Place
Bliss Salon & Spa Runner Up

News Source

City Pulse Winner
WILX Second Place
WLNS Runner Up

Nonprofit Organization (Local)

Capital Area Humane Society
Winner
Ele's Place Second Place
Helping Women Period Runner Up

Oil Change

Fast Eddie's Car Wash
& Oil Change Winner
Shaheen Chevrolet Second Place
Valvoline Instant Oil Change -
2661 E Grand River Ave
Runner Up

Optometrist

L.O. Eye Winner
Holt Eye Care PLLC Second Place
Rule Eye Care Associates
Runner Up

Pest Control Co.

Rose Pest Control Winner
Orkin Pest & Termite Control
Second Place
Bullseye Pest Solution Runner Up

Pet Grooming

Amanda's Grooming Winner
Kelly's Pet Boutique Second Place
Old Town Tails Runner Up

Pharmacy - Locally owned

Apothecary Shop Winner
Ware's Pharmacy Second Place
Central Pharmacy Runner Up

Photographer/Photography Service

LeMae Photography Winner
McShane Photography
Second Place
Kays Eyes Photography Runner Up

Post Office

East Lansing Winner
Grand Ledge Second Place
Merrill Street Runner Up

PR Firm

Redhead Design Studio Winner
Martin Waymire Second Place
M3 Group Runner Up

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Winners

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Property Management Co.

Gillespie Group Winner
DTN Management Co. Second Place
Lansing Housing LLC Runner Up

Radio Station

100.7 WITL Winner
90.5 WKAR Second Place
94.9 WMMQ Runner Up

Residential Remodeling Co.

Odd Fellows Contracting, Inc. Winner
Exteriors of Lansing Second Place
Lavish Builders, LLC Runner Up

Salon

Capellini Winner
Bridge St. Hair Co. Second Place
Tres JoLee Runner Up

Senior Living

Burcham Hills Winner
Independence Village
Grand Ledge Second Place
Delta Retirement Center Runner Up

Tailor/Seamstress

Nu the Tailor Winner
Silver Thread Second Place
S & Sues Cleaners and Tailors Runner Up

Tanning

J2 Tanning Winner
Custom Tans Second Place
Tanzmania - Frandor Runner Up

Tattoo Parlor

Splash of Color Winner
Fish Ladder Tattoo Co. Second Place
Vivid Ink Runner Up

Therapist/Therapist Service

Orthopaedic Rehab Specialists Winner
Peak Performance Physical Therapy Second Place
Alexis Schneider Runner Up

Towing Co.

Northside Towing Winner
PJ's Towing Second Place
H & H Mobil - Haslett Rd East Lansing Runner Up

Veterinarian Services

MSU College of Veterinary Medicine Winner
Miller Animal Clinic Second Place
Waverly Animal Hospital
Boarding & Grooming Runner Up

Wedding Services

HotBeats Entertainment Winner
Beckers Bridal Second Place
Twiggies Runner Up

Yoga Studio

Just B Yoga Winner
Firefly Hot Yoga Bar Second Place

Hilltop Yoga

Runner Up

Shopping Antique Shop

Mega Mall Winner
Maple Street Mall - Mason Second Place
Kellie's Consignments Runner Up
REO Town Marketplace Runner Up

Art Gallery

Absolute Gallery Winner
Broad Art Museum Second Place
Lansing Art Gallery Runner Up

Asian Market

Oriental Mart Winner
LLB Asian Market Second Place
Lotte Market Runner Up

Beer Selection in Retail Store

Horrocks Winner
Mega Bev Second Place
Oades Big Ten - S Clippert Runner Up

Bookstore (locally owned)

Schuler Books Winner
Curious Books Second Place
Bestsellers Runner Up

Butcher

Monticello's Market & Butcher Block Winner
Merindorf Meats - Mason Second Place
Horrocks Runner Up

Candy Shop

Fabianos Candies Winner
Horrocks Second Place
Peanut Shop Runner Up

Cannabis - Concentrate

Homegrown Cannabis Co. Winner
Skymint - E. Saginaw St. Second Place
Skymint - S. Cedar St. Runner Up

Cannabis - Edible

Homegrown Cannabis Co. Winner
Skymint - E. Saginaw St. Second Place
Skymint - S. Cedar St. Runner Up

Cannabis - Indica

Homegrown Cannabis Co. Winner
Skymint - E. Saginaw St. Second Place
Skymint - S. Cedar St. Runner Up

Cannabis - Sativa

Homegrown Cannabis Co. Winner
Skymint - E. Saginaw St. Second Place
Skymint - S. Cedar St. Runner Up

CBD Store/Boutique

Nature's Kyoor Winner
Sweetheart Essentials Second Place
StateSide Wellness Runner Up

Cheese Dept.

Horrocks Farm Market Winner
MSU Dairy Store Second Place
Monticello's Market & Butcher Block Runner Up

Clothing Store (locally owned)

Playmakers Winner
Grace Boutique Second Place
Sweetlee's Boutique Runner Up

Comic Shop

Summit Comics & Games Winner
Mr Dale's Tradin' Cards LLC Second Place
Cards In the Corner Runner Up
Hollow Mountain Comics Games and Collectibles Runner Up

Consignment Shop

Kellie's Consignments Winner
Michigan Barn Wood & Salvage LLC Second Place
Thrift Witch Runner Up

Farmers Market

Meridian Farmers Market Winner
Allen Farmers Market Second Place
Grand Ledge Farmers Market Runner Up

Florist

Horrocks Farm Market Winner
Where the Wild Things Bloom Second Place
B/A Florist Runner Up
Twiggies Runner Up

Furniture Store

Michigan Barn Wood & Salvage LLC Winner
Vintage Junkies Second Place
Pilgrim House Furniture Runner Up

Gardening Center

Horrocks Winner
VanAtta's Greenhouse & Flower Shop Second Place
Lansing Gardens Runner Up

Gas Station

Speedway Winner
Costco Second Place
Sam's Club Runner Up

Gift Shop

Kean's Store Winner
Old Town General Store Second Place

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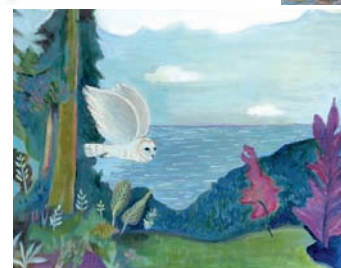
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Winners

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Bad Annie's Sweary Goods
Runner Up

Grocery Store (locally owned)

Horrocks Winner
Monticello's Market &
Butcher Block Second Place
Westlund's Apple Market
Runner Up

Hardware Store

Great Lakes Ace Hardware -
Frاندor Winner
Menards Second Place
Vet's Ace Hardware Runner Up

Hot Tub/Pool/Sauna Store

Heat & Sweep Winner
Classic Pool & Spa Inc.
Second Place
Cannonball Pools Runner Up

Indoor Grow Shop

H2O Lansing Winner
HTG Supply Hydroponics &
Grow Lights Second Place
Capital City Grower Supply
Runner Up

Jewelry Store

Sweet Custom Jewelry Winner
Margaret Ross Jewelry
Second Place
H & H Jewelry Design Runner Up

Liquor Store

Mega Bev Winner
(Oades) Big Ten Party Store West
Second Place
Tom's Party Store and Wine Shop
Runner Up

Musical Instrument Store

Elderly Instruments Winner
Marshall Music Second Place
Meridian Winds Runner Up

New Business

Bad Annie's Sweary Goods Winner
Sleepwalker Second Place
Odd Nodd Art Supply Runner Up

Organic/Natural Market

Horrocks Winner
Fresh Thyme Second Place
Foods for Living Runner Up

Outdoor/Camping Store

Moosejaw Winner
Cabela's Second Place
REI Runner Up

Pet Store

Preuss Pets Winner
Soldan's Pet Supplies Second Place
PetSmart Runner Up

Place to buy Mums

Horrocks Farm Market Winner
Christians Greenhouse
Second Place
Hyacinth House Runner Up

Quality Dairy

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Winner
8512 W Saginaw, Lansing
Second Place
804 Willow Hwy., Grand Ledge
Runner Up

Record/CD Store

Flat, Black & Circular Winner
Record Lounge Second Place
Schuler Books Runner Up

Secondhand Shop

Kellies Consignments Winner
St. Vincent De Paul Second Place
Thrft Witch Runner Up

Sex Shop

Cirilla's Winner
Deja Vu Love Boutique
Second Place
Lion's Den Runner Up

Thft Shop

St Vincent De Paul Winner
Volunteers of America -
S. Cedar location Second Place
Vintage Junkies Runner Up

Tire Store

Discount Tire - W. Saginaw Winner
Belle Tire Second Place
Tasmanian Tire Co Runner Up

Used Car Dealership

Shaheen Chevrolet Winner
Sundance Chevrolet Second Place
Feldman Chevolet Runner Up

Vape Shop

Wild Bill's Tobacco Winner
Haven Smoke Shop Second Place
Kalamazoo Vapor- Frاندor
Runner Up

Video Game Store

Disc Traders Lansing Winner
Replay Entertainment
Exchange Second Place

The Swap Meet Runner Up

Wine Shop

Horrocks Winner
Dusty's Cellar Second Place
Vine & Brew Runner Up

Whatever

Business with a Store Pet

Preuss Pets Winner
Sun Theatre Second Place
Mimi, the City Pulse dog
Runner Up

Casino

FireKeepers Casino Hotel Winner
Soaring Eagle Casino
& Resort Second Place
Gun Lake Casino Runner Up

Category We Didn't Think Of

Friendliest Staff Winner
Best CADL branch Second Place
Best Online Satire Account
Runner Up

Cleanest Public Restroom

Horrocks Farm Market Winner
Flour Child Bakery Second Place
Lansing Brewing Co. Runner Up

Day Trip

Anywhere on Lake Michigan
Winner
Frankenmuth Second Place
Saugatuck Runner Up

Eye Candy Building

Preuss Pets Winner
State Capitol Second Place
English Inn Runner Up

Facebook group

Not Your Mother's
Networking Group Winner
Lansing Facts Second Place
517 Living Runner Up

High School

Grand Ledge High School Winner
Eastern High School Second Place
East Lansing High School
Runner Up

Historical Place

The Ledges Winner
Michigan State Capitol
Second Place
Turner-Dodge House Runner Up

Instagram

Lansing Facts Winner
@lovelansing Second Place
@sarahjeansews Runner Up

Local Art Festival

East Lansing Art Festival Winner
Scrapfest Second Place
A Festival of Oddities Runner Up

Local Event/Festival

Be a Tourist in Your Own Town
Winner
East Lansing Art Festival
Second Place
ScrapFest Runner Up

Local podcast

So Dead Podcast Winner
The Sci-Files on Impact 89FM
Second Place
Mysterious midwest Runner Up

Outdoor Adventure

Ledges trail at Fitzgerald Park
Winner
Potter Park Zoo Second Place
River Town Adventures Runner Up

Place to Work

Constellation Cat Cafe Winner
Michigan State University
Second Place
MSU Federal Credit Union
Runner Up

Science Event

MSU Science Festival Winner
Astronomy on Tap Second Place

Twitter

Lansing Facts Winner
@howintensive (Mitch on
the web) Second Place
Downtown Lansing Runner Up

Urban Farm

Hunter Park GardenHouse Winner
Half Barn Farm Second Place
Ham Sweet Farm Runner Up

WIFI Spot

Biggby - any location Winner
Blue Owl Coffee Second Place
Strange Matter - Michigan Ave
Runner Up

Worst Eyesore

Trump signs or flags Winner
Trump House - Corner of Michigan
and Lathrop Second Place
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Silver Bells in the living room

Time-honored Lansing tradition scales back for COVID

By SKYLER ASHLEY

If it were any other year, Greater Lansing would be gearing up to gather by the tens of thousands in order

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to enjoy Silver Bells in the City. Instead of huddling together downtown to kick-off the holiday season, families that wish to celebrate the longstanding

Lansing tradition will have to gather together in front of their televisions in order to watch a special Silver Bells spin-off broadcast aired by FOX 47.

"Silver Bells resonates throughout the region and means many different things to everybody. It's super important, so doing nothing was not an option," said Mindy Biladeau, interim vice president of sales and service with Lansing Entertainment & Public Facilities Authority. "We had to figure out what we could do to give people something

positive and uplifting that they could enjoy at home."

Those tuning in can expect a run-through of the usual Silver Bells fare emceed by "FOX 47 Morning Blend" hosts Deb Hart and Bob Hoffman and Silver Bells broadcast chairman Mark Buzzita. There will be a tribute to past Electric Light parades, an appearance from Santa Claus, who will read letters submitted by local children, music by Runaway June and the Lansing Symphony Orchestra and other special segments that will celebrate Kwanzaa and Chanukah. Viewers will also be treated to a holiday-themed cooking show and a number of shout-outs from celebrities throughout the program.

"Unfortunately, this year is a little bit different because of the pandemic. But I still had such a great time. I think our show celebrates all holidays and the fact that this is a time of coming together and being happy. It puts a little bit of magic back into the environment during a very challenging year," Hoffman said.

In tune with the holiday spirit of coming together, the at-home Silver Bells special was a joint-effort pieced together with segments and clips recorded by different partners in sever-



Courtesy

(Left to right): Reed, Annette and Larry Moshkosky of Lansing donated this year's state Christmas tree.

al different locations. The musical act Runaway June filmed its segment in Nashville, Tennessee, and several backdrops, including the studios at FOX 47 and the Lansing Public Media Center, were utilized to produce the program's many moving parts.

The broadcast received a lot of input from the community to make sure it still has that nostalgic, homey feeling

that one expects from a holiday celebration. FOX 47 collected a cavalcade of submissions from people showing off ugly Christmas sweaters, matching holiday pajamas, holiday trees and menorahs and other unique ornaments and festive holiday décor. There was also a submission-based contest to see which group of family and friends could perform the best rendition of "Jingle Bells."

Of course, the show must feature the lighting of the state Christmas tree. This year's tree is a little special, considering that it was grown right here in Lansing. Typically, the state tree is harvested from the Upper Peninsula. But this tree comes from the property of Lansing citizens Larry and Annette Moshkosky. The tree was originally nominated for the special position 14 years ago but it was turned down, because it hadn't yet grown to reach the sky-high height required for the state Christmas tree. The Moshkoskys patiently waited for more than a decade, and the tree eventually grew to a massive 58 feet. It's second nomination proved successful, and now it will forever have a place in Michigan holiday lore, among 33 other pine giants that have graced the Capitol grounds.

"Silver Bells brings so many different people together and there is so much tension in the air right now that I think we need it — even if it's just virtual," Hoffman said.

Crab shack takes over former Finley's location

By DANIELLE JAMES

The latest addition to Lansing's restaurant scene is bringing southern tastes to Michigan during the winter months. This new joint, the Tangy Crab, boasts a build-your-own seafood menu with a little bit of everything.

At the Tangy Crab, restaurant-goers can create their own seafood boil by picking out the meat, spices, sauces and add-ons like sweet corn and potatoes. Seafood options include shrimp, mussels, clams, calamari, lobster and, of course, crab. The meal is then boiled in a bag and served with a bib. The Tangy Crab also has takeout available — especially helpful as the latest COVID-19 lockdown closes restaurants for dine-in.

The Tangy Crab also offers premade

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selections, fried baskets and po' boy sandwiches — a traditional sandwich from Louisiana made with fried seafood, French bread and a remoulade sauce.

Tangy Crab co-founder David Yang dreamed up the restaurant after a vacation down south several years ago. While trying southern seafood boils, he was drawn to the atmosphere created by families enjoying good food together,



Danielle James/City Pulse

The Tangy Crab has opened in Delta Township.

er, and they decided to bring that experience back to Michigan.

While the first Tangy Crab just opened on Saginaw Highway, for-

merly the home of Finley's Grill and Smokehouse, the crab shack is aiming to expand with another location in Flint near the end of the year.

CITY OF EAST LANSING
ORDINANCE NO. 1495

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 2-471 OF DIVISION 11 - PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION - OF ARTICLE V - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - OF CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION - OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING.

THE CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 2-471 of Chapter 2 of the City of East Lansing is hereby amended to read as follows:

2-471. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

- (a) *Members.* The parks and recreation advisory commission shall consist of seven members, who shall be residents of the city. Each member of the commission shall serve for a term of three years except of the members first appointed, two shall be appointed for a term of one year, three for a term of two years, and two for a term of three years.
- (b) *Duties.* The commission shall have the following duties and authority:
- (1) To be an advisory commission to the city council;
 - (2) To annually review the parks and recreation master plan as prepared by city staff and make recommendations to the planning commission and city council regarding adoption of the plan.
 - (3) To annually review the parks and recreation operating budget as prepared by city staff and make recommendations to City Council regarding adoption of the plan.
 - (4) To annually review the parks and recreation capital improvement projects budget as prepared by city staff and make recommendations to the city council as part of the budget preparation and submittal process.
 - (5) To annually review the parks and recreation fee schedule as prepared by city staff.
 - (6) To review any parks and recreation bond proposals and to make recommendations in writing to the City Council prior to City Council taking final action on the matter.
- (c) *Meetings.* The commission shall meet a minimum of four times annually at East Lansing City Hall, or such other designated place in the city.

Jennifer Shuster
City Clerk

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Favorite Things

Bolis Musa and his five-point drawing of the Capitol



Bolis Musa is a Lansing-based artist who was born in Sudan. He draws unique landscapes inspired by Lansing scenery for his print company, MakeYourMarkk. He is also the designer of his own clothing brand, EYWA. He uploads his work to MakeYourMarkk.com. Musa's favorite thing is an especially challenging drawing he made of the Michigan Capitol.

My favorite thing is the five-point perspective drawing I did of the Capitol last year. It's my favorite thing because I've loved art ever since I came to America when I was in the first grade. I've lived in Lansing for 20 years, but when I first came to America I didn't know any English. I used to always draw, because I didn't know how to communicate with other students. Eventually, I got really good at drawing and it has been my passion ever since.

The five-point perspective drawing of the Capitol is my favorite because it really pushed me as an artist. I had to leave my comfort zone and I had to challenge myself, because I've never done a five-point perspective drawing. The most I had ever done was three-point per-

spective, which was back in high school. The five-point perspective drawing took me an entire week to create, because there is so much angling and erasing — you've got to get it very precise.

I always knew I wanted to do the Capitol. The drawing itself is inside a spherical shape; I had to put the whole building into what looks like a snow globe. It had to be angled perfectly. I drove to the Capitol and took pictures to find the perfect angle. I spent an hour to get the right picture before I went home. I tried to draw one building per day. The shading was hard too, because I couldn't rely on the picture. I had to make my own lighting in my head.

I was scared to push myself to do it, because originally I didn't think I could. But I know a part of me kept saying, "Just do it, do it, do it." When I finally finished, it became one of my prized drawings, and now I love it so much. A lot of people asked if they could have the drawing, but I knew I couldn't give it away because I love it so much. I got so

many suggestions that I started making prints of it. I went to OfficeMax, got it scanned and started selling prints of it online and on Facebook. It is one of my best-selling art pieces.

I am from Sudan, I came here with my

parents because they wanted their children to go to college and become doctors. But I decided to become an artist. At first, they didn't understand it, or agree with it. I decided to follow my passion, and now I have their support.

Interview edited and condensed by Skyler Ashley. If you have a suggestion for Favorite Things, please email Skyler@LansingCityPulse.com



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Back to the basics at Lansing's first recreational pot shop

Homegrown Cannabis Co. rakes in several Top of the Town awards

By KYLE KAMINSKI

In February, Homegrown Cannabis Co. became the first provisioning center in Lansing to be fully licensed for adult-use, recreational retail sales. Several other shops have opened in recent months, but Homegrown has solidified itself as a mainstay on the local cannabis market.

The customer service is top notch. The expansive product lineup is even more impressive. And for that clear commitment to quality, our voters pushed Homegrown into first place in nearly every marijuana-related category featured in this year's Top of the Town contest — including best concentrate, best edible, best sativa, best indica and best grower and processor in the city.

We've seen a lot of fancy tinctures, edibles, concentrated oils and other snazzy products in Lansing. But this week, we return to the basics that helped propel Homegrown Cannabis Co. into its spot as one of the most popular marijuana destinations in the capital city: Dank flower.

Homegrown — Pineapple Express (Sativa Hybrid)

Price — \$14.58/g
THC content — 17.1%

Pineapple Express is a strain with some serious name recognition. Of course, this buzzy brand was the name-sake for Seth Rogen's cult comedy classic from 2008. But stoners across the nation have long turned to Pineapple Express for its long-lasting and energetic sort of high.

A cross between Trainwreck and Hawaiian, this sativa-dominant hybrid hits the nose with a fruity explosion — apple, mango, pine, cedar and, of course, pineapple. The buds were dense, loaded with trichomes and bright orange pistils and ground up perfectly into a few bong bowls.

Don't get the wrong idea from the film: This strain isn't going to rock your entire world. It will, however, provide a comforting sort of high that, for me, quickly led to an overarching sense of blissful comfort, buzzed out happiness and complete anxiety relief. Check, check and check.

The smoothness of this house blend from Homegrown cannot be overstated. I didn't need ice water to totally clear bowl after bowl without a cough. The fruity smell translates to earthier notes on the tongue, but it's still among the



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most pleasant tasting strains I've tried from Lansing.

After two or three post-breakfast bowls, I found myself pleasantly toasted until the late afternoon. For its flavor and its ability to simultaneously invigorate and calm the mind, I'm comfortable labeling this strain as the best wake-and-bake variety available on the local market.

Fluresh — Critical Hog (Indica)

Price — \$40.57/2.5g
THC content — 19.17%

I'm a perfectionist when it comes to rolling joints. The buds must be ground up to the right consistency. RAW brand papers are essential. Every bit of stem must be removed. It can't be packed too tight; It certainly can't be packed too loose. It must have a filter. It can't be too thick.

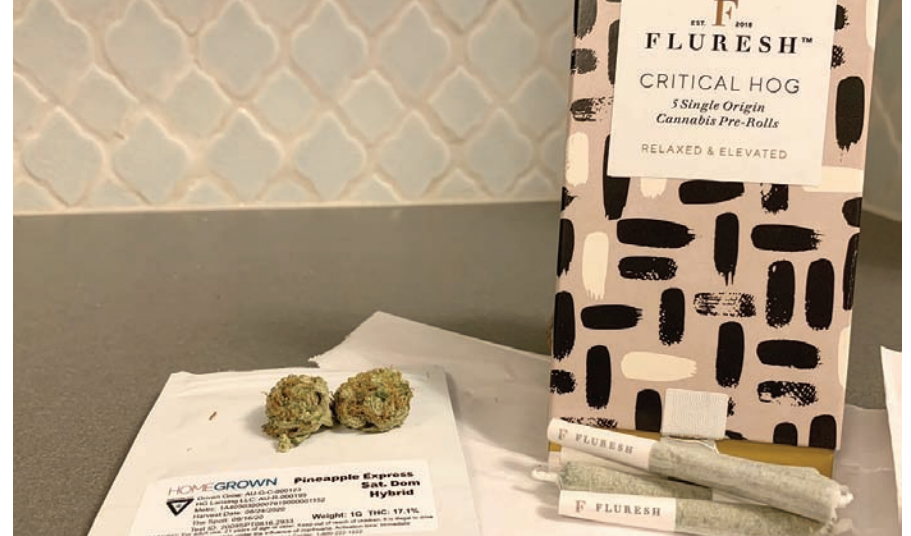
For these reasons, I'm usually hesitant when it comes to buying pre-rolled joints from the pot shop. They can be incredibly dry. Sometimes they have an uneven burn. But this five-pack from Fluresh — the newest cannabis retailer to arrive in Grand Rapids — proved me entirely wrong.

Critical Hog is an indica-dominant cross between Critical Mass and Hog, which won the High Times' Cannabis Cup back in 2002 for its incredibly potent and relaxing effects on the body. The half-gram joints were short and stubby, but perfectly portioned for some after-work relaxation.

The taste was sweet and floral. The burn was even. And the smoothness was out of this world.

For an indica, the relaxing body effects were also pleasantly subdued. A few joints with my fiancée was the perfect way to unwind on a Friday evening without totally knocking ourselves out, making it the perfect strain for a Netflix marathon — and plenty of snacks — on the couch.

Kyle Kaminski is a City Pulse staff writer and cannabis enthusiast who has been smoking marijuana just about every day for the last decade. Every week, Kaminski samples some of the best cannabis products available in Greater Lansing, gets real high and writes about them.



Kyle Kaminski/City Pulse

Pineapple Express (left) and Critical Hog (right) from Homegrown Cannabis Co.

City of East Lansing Historic District Commission

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AT ELECTRONIC MEETING **Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

The Historic District Commission of the City of East Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan ("City") will hold public hearings on **Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.**, concerning the following:

A public hearing will be held to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness from Hillcrest Village Limited Partnership for the properties at 540, 536, 532 Glenmoor Road, 1317, 1321, 1325, 1329, 1259, 1255, 1251, 1245 W. Grand River Avenue, and 1330, 1326, 1324, 1320, 1316, 1310, 1300 Westview Avenue (also known as Hillcrest Village) to replace 551 of the existing wood windows with vinyl windows and wrap the exterior trim with aluminum.

A public hearing will be held to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness from Stephen Thomas for the property at 1025 Huntington Road to install 17 solar panels to the existing home and garage.

A public hearing will be held to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness from Tom and Marcy Welburn for the property at 325 Linden Street to replace the existing wood siding with vinyl siding.

This meeting will only be held electronically pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of 1976, and the capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements set forth in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director's Emergency Orders. The purpose of the meeting will be to hold the public hearing described above and consider any other business that comes before the City Council. Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, the City gives notice of the following:

1. **Reason for Electronic Meeting.** The City is holding this meeting by electronic means only due to the restrictions imposed by the MDHHS Director's Emergency Orders. If the Orders are revised and if an in-person meeting is to be held instead of an electronic meeting, the meeting may be rescheduled to a different date and time. Notice of any such change will be posted at the City Hall and on the City's website.

2. **Procedures.** The public may participate in the meeting and may make public comment electronically by video/telephone using the following method:

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3. **Contact Information.** For those who desire to contact members of the City Council to provide input or ask questions on the business that will come before the public body at the meeting, please contact Jennifer Shuster, City Clerk, at (517) 319-6881 prior to the start of the meeting.

4. **Persons with Disabilities.** Persons with disabilities may participate in the meeting through the methods set forth in paragraph 2. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services in order to attend electronically should notify City Manager's Office, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 319-6920, TDD 1-800-649-377, within a reasonable time in advance of the meeting.

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Celebrating the history of Detroit's Black 'saints'

By **BILL CASTANIER**

In the introduction of her amazing new novel, "Black Bottom Saints," Alice Randall turns the talking over to the one, the only, Joseph "Ziggy" Johnson — the legendary emcee, newspaper columnist and dance theater teacher who held court in Detroit, from 1938 to 1968. Beginning in the '30s, Black Bottom was Detroit's most well known residential neighborhood for African Americans. It was destroyed in the early-'60s to make way for an expressway, a housing and a medical center.

As the reader joins the story, Ziggy is dying and he uses his remaining time to remember the "saints" who have moved through his memorable

life. Randall uses the unusual literary conceit to tell the story of Ziggy and Black Bottom, which was Detroit's equivalent to New York's Harlem and Chicago's Bronzeville.

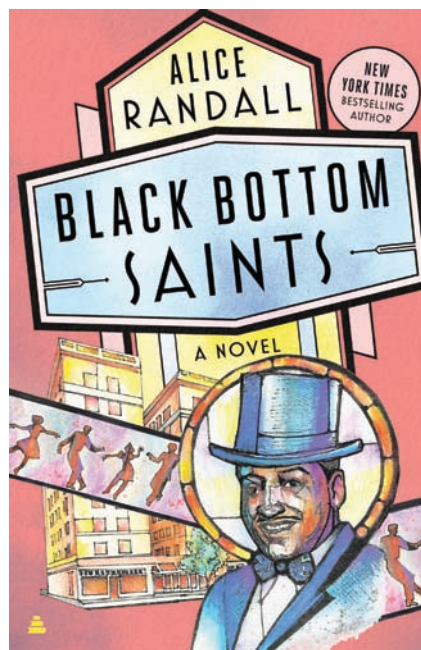
The book's 52 brief chapters borrow strongly from the Catholic "Lives of Saints," with Ziggy sitting back reviewing his life and the life of the "saints," who filled his columns in Detroit's African-American newspaper, the Michigan Chronicle, or walked into the lobby of the Gotham Hotel, Detroit's premier Black hotel, where Ziggy lived.

There are the well known saints, such as Joe Louis, Robert Hayden, Ethel Waters, Dick 'Night Train' Lane, Martin Luther King Jr., Della Reese, LaVern Baker and Eartha Kitt, and the lesserknown that we still should know, such as Elsie Roxborough, the "first colored woman to go the University of Michigan and live in the dorms," and Tanya Blanding, a four-year-old girl who was shot dead during the Detroit riot of 1967.

Then there is Lynette Dobbins Taylor, the spouse of African American entrepreneur Hobart Taylor — the first African American woman to dance at an inauguration with a president, Lyndon Johnson. Taylor was the first female elementary school principal in Detroit, and her husband, Hobart Taylor, was the first person to coin the phrase "affirmative action."

At the end of each chapter, Randall adds another interesting technique by adding a special drink recipe for each saint. For example, Berry's sister, Anna Gordy, has a drink called "Step Follows Gaze," which includes a jigger of Old Tom Gin, 1 pony of orange juice and a dash of orange bitters. Just add ice and shake.

The names of the drinks, "The Will



and the Skill," "Union Card" and "Fun House Mirror," a paean to Maxine Powell, an etiquette and style consultant to the stars, are as tantalizing as the saints themselves. Why cocktails? First, Ziggy was the emcee at two popular Black nightclubs, The Flame Show Bar and the 20 Grand Lounge.

Randall said the idea for drink recipes draws on the experience of Tom Bullock, the first African American to write a cocktail recipe book, "The Ideal Bartender."

Randall said she has always had a close relationship with Ziggy.

"Not only was he a family friend, but I took dance and theater lessons from him at the Ziggy Johnson School of Theatre. My father would read his columns to us and he was the first writer I knew and he inspired me to be a writer," she said.

Randall also uses another interesting literary technique. Each chapter begins

with a short commentary by Mari, whom Randall calls, "Colored Girl" or "CP." CP's story is told in tandem with that of Ziggy's. Although not autobiographical, CP is the default author of the saints and tells her own story.

Randall said she considered more than 100 potential saints before trimming it to the 52. Note: She cheats a little, since there are actually 61 saints in the book.

Ziggy — like thousands of other African American Michiganders — would also make his way north to Idlewild, The Black Eden, on summer weekends. It was there he crossed paths with another important saint, Arthur "Daddy" Braggs, another emcee or "ringleader," as Ziggy calls him. Braggs was responsible for booking acts into the legendary Idlewild nightclubs. Ziggy writes: "There are so many white convertible Cadillacs up there in Idlewild you can't tell where folks spent the night — unless you get a good look at the license plates."

Randall said she has always been attracted to Michigan.

"Michigan is just an exciting state. It's rising from the ashes, which no city knows more about. Michigan has always been living on the frontier and the intersection of art and industry," she said.

Randall, who now lives in Nashville, Tennessee, said, "I first started to see the world from Detroit."

The author is also a believer that Detroit has been a powerful influence for African American women.

She said the year following her own birth the 1960 census showed 122, 808 Black girls living in Detroit. "This story is their story. The root of 'Black girl magic' runs straight through Detroit," Randall said.

The author said she spent years researching the saints in the book and pouring through microfilm of the Michigan Chronicle to find Ziggy's columns in order to piece together his life in contemporary Detroit.

"Black Bottom Saints" is Randall's fifth novel, including the 2001 best seller, "The Wind Done Gone," a parody of Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With the Wind." She also co-wrote a 1995 country western hit for Trisha Yearwood, which she said perfectly fits the urban-rural roots of Detroit. One of the courses she teaches at Vanderbilt covers Detroit writers.

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"Leg Work"–keep on counting!

by Matt Jones

Across

1 1990s Disney show with characters from "The Jungle Book"

9 Clear music holder

15 Prozac maker

16 Enter, as data

17 They have two legs each

19 Icon used in Twitch chat to express feelings

20 Uganda's Idi

21 Being, Roman-style

22 "Tiny Alice" dramatist Edward

25 Active chemical in cannabis

28 "Parklife" group

29 The heavens, for Olympians

32 They have four legs each

37 Broadcast studio sign

38 Key to get out?

39 Cover once more?

40 They have six legs each

43 "Here are the words on the label ..."

44 State with a three-word capital

45 Abbr. in a job posting

46 Charlie of "Hot Shots!"

48 Singer with the EPs "BLQ Velvet" and "PRINCESS"

52 "Transformers" actor LaBeouf

54 Abbr. on marked-down clothes

55 They have eight legs each

61 Like a difficult battle

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62 Comedian Sarah who once wrote "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard"

63 "Game of Thrones" actress Williams

64 Followed

Down

1 Tiny laugh

2 Class reunion attendees

3 Cars for execs

4 Make happy

5 Mathematical ratio

6 Middle East gp.

7 French 101 pronoun

8 "All the news that's fit to print" initials

9 Sevastopol resident

10 Metric prefix for "tenth"

11 "Call Me Irresponsible" lyricist Sammy

12 City southwest of Tulsa

13 Sample of wine

14 Methyl ending

18 Actress Issa

22 Olympic flame lighter in Atlanta

23 Winter Games vehicles

24 Rudely abrupt

25 "Is ___ fact?"

26 Poet Gil Scott-___

27 Advanced very slowly

28 Daft, in Derby

30 You are here

31 Van Gogh's brother

32 "Holy moly!"

33 Maternally related

34 ___ profundo (lowest vocal range)

35 Morning TV host Kelly

36 Like some angles

41 Tiny ear bone

42 "American Gods" actor McShane

47 It might go over your head

48 Shimerman of "Deep Space Nine"

49 Streisand's "Funny Girl" role

50 Levy again

51 Bond, for example

52 Downhill runners

53 Hindu festival of colors

54 Maui, for one

55 Rum ___ Tugger ("Cats" cat)

56 Bitter brew, briefly

57 Athens X

58 One-hit wonder band behind "How Bizarre"

59 "When the Rain Begins to Fall" singer Zadora

60 Einstein's birth city

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsy

November 18-24, 2020

ARIES (March 21–April 19): Back in 1974, poet Allen Ginsberg and his "spirit wife," Aries poet Anne Waldman, were roommates at the newly established Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado. The school's founder asked these two luminaries to create a poetics program, and thus was born the Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics. Waldman described its ruling principle to be the "outrider" tradition, with a mandate to explore all that was iconoclastic, freethinking, and irreverent. The goal of teachers and students alike was to avoid safe and predictable work so as to commune with wild spiritual powers, "keep the energies dancing," and court eternal surprise. I think that would be a healthy approach for you to flirt with during the next few weeks.

TAURUS (April 20–May 20): Any legal actions you take are more likely to be successful if you initiate them between now and the solstice than if you'd begin them at other times. The same is true for any contracts you sign or agreements you make: They have a better chance to thrive than they would at other times. Other activities with more kismet than usual during the coming weeks: efforts to cultivate synergy and symbiosis; attempts to turn power struggles into more cooperative ventures; a push to foster greater equality in hierarchal situations; and ethical moves to get access to and benefit from other people's resources.

GEMINI (May 21–June 20): Never follow an expert off a precipice. Nor a teacher. Nor an attractive invitation. Nor a symbol of truth nor a vibrant ideal nor a tempting gift. In fact, never follow anything off a precipice, no matter how authoritative or sexy or appealing it might be. On the other hand, if any of those influences are headed in the direction of a beautiful bridge that can enable you to get to the other side of a precipice, you should definitely consider following them. Be on the alert for such lucky opportunities in the coming weeks.

CANCER (June 21–July 22): Malidoma Patrice Somé was born into the Dagara tribe of Burkina Faso. After being initiated into the Dagara's spiritual mysteries, he emigrated to America, where he has taught a unique blend of modern and traditional ideas. One of his key themes is the hardship that Westerners' souls endure because of the destructive impact of the machine world upon the spiritual world. He says there is "an indigenous person within each of us" that longs to cultivate the awareness and understanding enjoyed by indigenous people: a reverence for nature, a vital relationship with ancestors, and a receptivity to learn from the intelligence of animals. How's your inner indigenous person doing? The coming weeks will be an excellent time to enhance your ability to commune with and nurture that vital source.

LEO (July 23–Aug. 22): Psychologists have identified a quality they call NFD: "need for drama." Those who possess it may be inclined to seek or even instigate turmoil out of a quest for excitement. After all, bringing a dose of chaos into one's life can cure feelings of boredom or powerlessness. "I'm important enough to rouse a Big Mess!" may be the subconscious battle cry. I'll urge you Leos to studiously and diligently avoid fostering NFD in the coming weeks. In my astrological opinion, you will have a blessed series of interesting experiences *if and only if* you shed any attraction you might have to histrionic craziness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): "Give up the notion that you must be sure of what you are doing," wrote philosopher Baruch Spinoza. "Instead, surrender to what is real within you, for that alone is sure." Spinoza's thoughts will be a great meditation for you in the coming weeks. If you go chasing phantom hopes, longing for absolute certainty and iron confidence, you'll waste your energy. But if you identify what is most genuine and true and essential about you, and you rely on it to guide you, you can't possibly fail.

LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): "A little bad taste is like a nice splash of paprika," said Libran fashion writer Diana Vreeland. "We all need a splash of bad taste," she continued. "It's hearty, it's healthy, it's physical. I think we could use more of it. *Having no taste* is what I'm against." I understand that her perspective might be hard to sell to you refined Librans. But I think it's good advice right now. Whatever's lacking in your world, whatever might be off-kilter, can be cured by a dash of good, funky earthiness. Dare to be a bit messy and unruly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): To convey the spirit of the coming weeks, I'm offering you wisdom from two women who were wise about the art of slow and steady progress. First, here's author Iris Murdoch: "One of the secrets of a happy life is continuous small treats, and if some of these can be inexpensive and quickly procured so much the better." Your second piece of insight about the wonders of prudent, piecemeal triumph comes from activist and author Helen Keller: "I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): Sagittarian statesman Winston Churchill said that he was always ready to learn—even though there were times when he didn't enjoy being taught. That might be a useful motto for you to adopt in the coming months. By my estimates, 2021 could turn out to bring a rather spectacular learning spurt—and a key boost to your life-long education. If you choose to take advantage of the cosmic potentials, you could make dramatic enhancements to your knowledge and skill set. As Churchill's message suggests, not all of your new repertoire will come easily and pleasantly. But I bet that at least 80 percent of it will. Start planning!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): In accordance with upcoming astrological indicators, I've got some good advice for you courtesy of your fellow Capricorn David Bowie. You'll be well-served to keep it in mind between now and January 1, 2021. "Go a little bit out of your depth," counseled Bowie. "And when you don't feel that your feet are quite touching the bottom, you're just about in the right place to do something exciting." For extra inspiration, I'll add another prompt from the creator of Ziggy Stardust: "Once you lose that sense of wonder at being alive, you're pretty much on the way out." In that spirit, my dear Capricorn, please take measures to expand your sense of wonder during the next six weeks. Make sure you're on your way *in*.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): Most of us aren't brilliant virtuosos like, say, Leonardo da Vinci or Nobel Prize-winning scientist Marie Curie. On the other hand, every one of us has a singular amalgam of potentials that is unique in the history of the world—an exceptional flair or an idiosyncratic mastery or a distinctive blend of talents. In my astrological opinion, you Aquarians will have unprecedented opportunities to develop and ripen this golden and glorious aspect of yourself in 2021. And now is a good time to begin making plans. I encourage you to launch your year-long Festival of Becoming by writing down a description of your special genius.

PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20): In 1969, humans flew a spaceship to the moon and landed on it for the first time. In 1970, the state of Alabama finally made it legal for interracial couples to get married. That's a dramatic example of how we humans may be mature and strong in some ways even as we remain backward and undeveloped in other ways. According to my astrological analysis, the coming months will be a highly favorable time for the immature and unseasoned parts of you to ripen. I encourage you to get started!

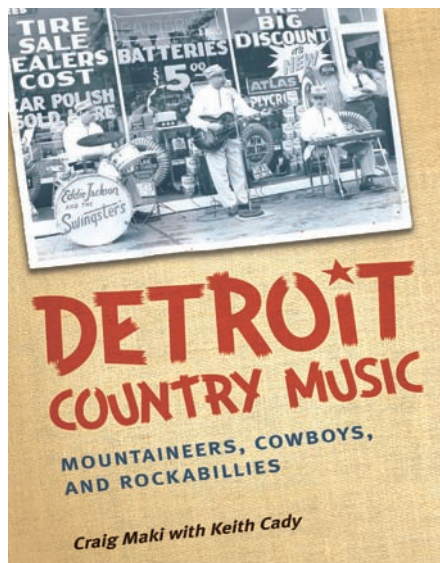
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TURN IT DOWN!

“Loud dispatches from Lansing’s music scene”

BY RICH TUPICA

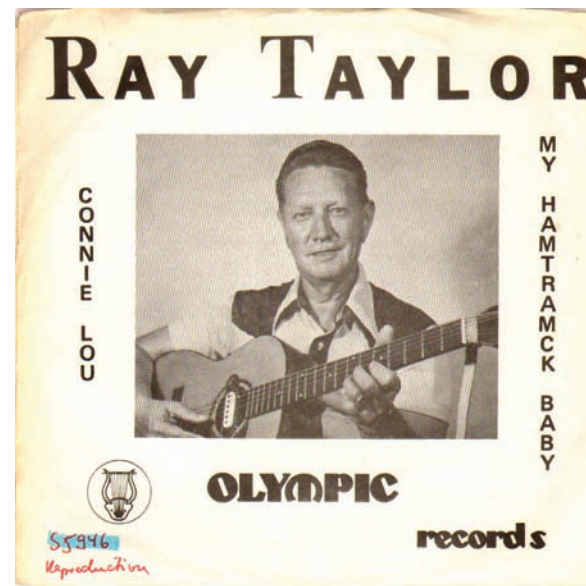
MICHIGAN’S TWISTED HISTORY IN COUNTRY MUSIC



“Detroit Country Music: Mountaineers, Cowboys, and Rockabillys” (2013, University of Michigan Press).



The York Brothers issued “Hamtramck Mama” in 1947.



Ray Taylor recorded “My Hamtramck Baby” in 1959.

From Lansing to Detroit, a look at our state’s rockabilly roots

Back in the '50s, a small batch of traditional country artists slowly shaped a new sub-genre known as rockabilly. It remained rootsy and rhythmic, but was cut with a rowdy, menacing edge. It was louder, faster and more unruly than anything before it.

That new sound not only expanded what “country music” could be, it also paved the way for punk and alternative music. From Wanda Jackson to The Cramps, from Carl Perkins to the Stray Cats — the art-form has continued to mutate since its genesis.

Just listen to 1959’s “It’s Witchcraft,” by (Lansing’s own) The Blue Echoes. Then throw on any new LP by The Goddamn Gallows (another local outfit), and you’ll hear the full range of the genre. Over the years, other Lansing-based bands, like The Chirps, Flatfoot and Honest D & The Steel Reserve have all left their own distinct marks on it.

Looking beyond the Capital City, the Detroit area was also home to an early rockabilly boom. With artists like Johnny Powers who cut straightforward singles like “Long Blonde Hair” to Johnny Buckett, who recorded the cult classic “Hippie in a Blunder,” proved early on how varied rockabilly can be. And, from the

start, there was no shortage of small mom-n-pop record labels pressing up these raucous tracks.

While local titan Motown Records focused on polished R&B perfection, other smaller imprints went the raw ‘n’ rockin’ route. One of those early indie labels was CLIX Records, a long-defunct rockabilly imprint that pressed up amazing records by numerous troubadours who performed at whiskey-soaked saloons across the state.

Back 1959, CLIX artist Hugh Friar quickly evolved his band’s traditional country-western sound after he invested in electric guitars, a then-new technology. He also paired down his conventional five-piece acoustic outfit into an amped-up trio. With a batch of unruly tunes, Friar filled honkytonks with his new rebellious sound. “I Can’t Stay Mad at You,” a single issued in 1959, is documented proof that wild, pioneering sounds were happening here in Michigan. And, thanks to songwriters like Friar and various other ambitious record companies, a trail of Michigan-made rockabilly 45s were left behind.

A quick submersion into the CLIX catalog alone will land you at “My Hamtramck Baby,” a foot-stompin’ single by Ray Taylor. While a physi-

cal copy of the vinyl is a collectible relic, thanks to exposure via YouTube and a plenty of CD and LP compilations, the 1959 track is now considered a gem for seekers of obscure, Mitten-made anthems.

In a 2008 Metro Times article, music historian Michael Hurtt called CLIX one of the “most elusive, seamless and sought-after imprints in all of early rock ‘n’ roll.”

Much of the CLIX history is also documented in the 2013 book “Detroit Country Music: Mountaineers, Cowboys and Rockabillys” by Craig Maki and Keith Cady. The 300-plus-page paperback, researched over two decades, starts in the '40s and recounts the earliest stories and factoids from Michigan’s twangy past. The Detroit News called the book “a must for any fan of Detroit music history.”

Among many other tales, it details the amazing story of the The York Brothers, who issued 1947’s “Hamtramck Mama.” Yes, there’s yet another song about living and loving in Hamtramck, and this folklore is fully detailed in “Detroit Country Music” (University of Michigan Press). Of course, adding to that pile, the newly published “Mind Over Matter” book also heavily chronicles the Fortune Records saga and the

outlying artists who made up that rustic scene decades ago.

In short, there is no lack of records and information on all of this amazing Americana Michigan manufactured, you just have to dig in.

CITY PULSE MITTEN MUSIC QUIZ: LANSING EDITION

1. This Lansing punk outfit is best known for 1978’s “Slash Your Face”
2. Wally Pleasant recorded at this Lansing studio in the 1990s.
3. This now-defunct Lansing band featured Ben Hassenger and FBC co-founder Dick Rosemont.
4. This experimental Lansing trio features FBC manager Jon Howard on bass.
5. In the mid-1960s, this Lansing music venue was in an underground parking structure.

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OUT ON THE TOWN

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Wednesday, November 18

Allen Farmers Market - 2:30-6 p.m. in atrium of Hot Water Works and outside. 2100 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

Exhibit Explorations! Take a deep dive into your favorite Impression 5 exhibits! 4:30 p.m. facebook.com/impression5/

Mi Bird-Friendly Communities Webinar - 2-3 p.m. michiganaudubon.org.

Music for Social Justice: Melanie Helton, soprano, with Rodney Whitaker - Video interview and performance with soprano Melanie Helton. 11 a.m. music.msu.edu.

Special Collections Look Club: Our theme this week is Modernity 2-2:45 p.m. MSU Libraries, East Lansing. Go to bookings.lib.msu.edu.

Threads of Wisdom: Ancestors - Join us on Zoom for a discussion of Ancestors. 6:30-7:30 p.m. weaversoftheweb.org.

Thursday, November 19

Crafting for a Cause - Put your knitting skills to work to help our community. facebook.com/GrandLedgeLibrary

Refuge Recovery Lansing (Virtual) - 6-7 p.m. Join at facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing

State of the City | Prayer Benefit 2020 - Join with Church+City leaders to pray for unity and diversity in our cities. 5:30-8 p.m. facebook.com/COGLnetwork

Studio (in)Process at Home 9-10 p.m. MSU Broad Art Lab, 565 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. broad.msu.edu

Friday, November 20

Broad Underground: John Lucas and The Cooler Bandits. 7-9 p.m. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Craft & Gift Expo - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Capitol City Baptist Fieldhouse, 5100 Willoughby Road, Holt.

Joel Mabus - From the Archives: Audio from the Dec. 4, 2015 and Jan. 16, 2009 performances streaming at tenpoundfiddle.org.

Martinis and Music - 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The Exchange, 314 E Michigan Ave, Lansing. 517-319-4500. lansingexchange.com.

National Diabetes Prevention Program - preventing type 2 diabetes. canr.msu.edu for link

Refuge Recovery Lansing (Virtual) - 7:30-8:30 p.m. facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing

Saturday, November 21

Craft & Gift Expo - 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Capitol City Baptist Fieldhouse, 5100 Willoughby Road, Holt.

Drive-Through Mobile Food Distribution - Distribution of free, fresh and non-perishable food items to City of Lansing residents. 9-11 a.m. South Church of the

Nazarene, 401 W. Holmes Rd, Lansing. lansingmi.gov.

Free Home Skills Life Skills Class - for ladies age 12-18 a variety of skills that are needed to maintain their homes. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Ever After Opportunities located in the Lansing Mall, 5330 W. Saginaw Hwy, Lansing. 517-885-5646.

Free Online Roast of Harry Potter 2 - FREE online at 7pm Pacific. View at frontrowfilmroast.com.

Lansing Mall Holiday Craft and Vendor Show - Shop unique items from your local small businesses and crafters. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Lansing Mall, 5330 W Saginaw Hwy, Lansing.

Martinis and Music - 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The Exchange, 314 E Michigan Ave, Lansing. 517-319-4500. lansingexchange.com.

Refuge Recovery Lansing (Virtual) - 10:30-11:30 facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing

Sunday, November 22

Autumn Stroll - Lansing Symphony Orchestra, 4 p.m. lansingsymphony.org.

Industry Night - Part of the restaurant/bar industry? Stop by Ellison Brewery 12pm-9pm and cash in on your hard work! Ellison Brewery + Spirits, 4903 Dawn Ave, East Lansing.

Lansing Mall Holiday Craft and Vendor Show - Shop unique items from your local small businesses and crafters. 12-6 p.m. Lansing Mall, 5330 W Saginaw Hwy, Lansing.

Monday, November 23

Refuge Recovery Lansing (Virtual) - 6-7 p.m. facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing

Take Home Craft: Make a Snow-flocked Pinecone Ornament. Pick up your kit at Grand Ledge District Library, with youtube tutorial at 11 a.m. gladl.org

Tuesday, November 17

Virtual Science on a Sphere: Animals on the Move. 10-11 a.m. MSU Museum. For link, museum.msu.edu

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- MITTEN MUSIC QUIZ ANSWERS**
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 2. Harvest Productions
 3. Mystic Shake
 4. Jon Howard
 5. The Incline

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Hope is a sassy, spunky girl who is looking for a canine-free home with lots of love and attention. She will make an excellent companion for the right person!

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Tulip is a sweet, pretty girl who is gentle and purrs quietly when you rub her ears. She should be fine with older kids and easy going cats.

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Gillett is a sweet, scared tabby looking for a nice quiet home as she does not like noise and commotion. She needs an understanding home that will let her settle in at her own pace.

In memory of
Rodica's cats

FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

Pulled pork sandwich from 517 BBQ

By SKYLER ASHLEY

With the latest lockdown announcement from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, we will have to go back to enjoying our favorite restaurants strictly via takeout and delivery. Luckily, the Lansing barbecue scene has many great options for a delicious and quickly served lunch.

517 BBQ

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I tried out 517 BBQ's pulled pork sandwich and was not disappointed. The meat of the sandwich was tender and juicy, and the barbecue sauce paired with it had a perfect

regimen of tanginess and spice. I noticed a distinct peppery bite that I found to be extremely tasty. The bun was also prepared very well. It wasn't soggy or overly toasted; it was the perfect doughy package to deliver the



delicious pulled pork. Though I do not consider myself picky, I also don't consider myself to be the most adventurous eater in the world. If I find a dish I like from a particular restaurant, I tend to stick with that. That being said, each unique item I've managed to try out from 517 BBQ has been a success. At this point, I'd be comfortable ordering anything off its menu. If you've yet to try it out and you fancy yourself a carnivore, perhaps give it a go for your next takeout or delivery excursion.



Skyler Ashley/City Pulse

517 BBQ's Pulled pork sandwich.

Oreo Crusted Pumpkin Pie

By Ari LeVaux

The message of Thanksgiving is rooted in a story about a diverse group of people cooperating with one another in order to survive the winter. And now, 399 years after the first feast, we're facing another crisis. And this time, instead of getting together to cooperate, we all need to work together by staying apart.

Just as I love Thanksgiving but don't want to help spread COVID-19, I love pumpkin pie but don't want to make crust. So I'll be seeking some kind of normalcy by celebrating #399 the way I always do, by looking for ways to make pumpkin pie, but not make an official pastry crust.

Other years, I've made pumpkin pudding and pots de creme. I've baked pumpkin pie filling inside squash on the half-shell. This year, I'll be making Oreo Crusted Pumpkin Pie.

Chocolate and pumpkin pie make a great combination, and Oreo is a special kind of chocolate. It has an almost burnt, sugary charcoal flavor that adds



lovely bass notes for the pie spices to dance upon.

And just as important, after it's been atomized in the blender, the Stuf in between the cookies is really good at holding the crust together as you form it into place. And when heated, the Stuf melts, oiling the pan below and permeating the crust, and eventually gluing it all together when it cools. I prefer the Dark Chocolate Oreo product, which has chocolate Stuf. Because chocolate is the whole point of Oreos.

And if you want to absolutely maximize the chocolate in your pumpkin

pie — or more accurately, around your pumpkin pie — then you can sprinkle more Oreo powder on top, either as an artistic flourish, or as a solid fudge cap. You can also use unbroken Oreos, simply pulled in half, as both crust and topping. The bottom line is none of these Oreo techniques requires a rolling pin, or leave your kitchen dusted with flour.

When the virus is finally in the rear-view mirror, you can go on appreciating a crust that you can make with ingredients from the gas station convenience store. And when it's safe to gather, you and this pie will be ruling the potluck. But this year, you may have to eat that pie alone. Or on Zoom. So that next year we can go back to arguing about politics around the table in person, like normal.

Black Belt Pie

When you make a pumpkin pie with an Oreo crust, you probably shouldn't sweeten the filling, because the Oreos have so much sugar. Ounce for ounce, winter squash has more sugar than canned "pumpkin" (which is actually canned winter squash). So it needs less sweetener.

Makes 1 pie

1 package Oreos (preferably Dark Chocolate), about 36 cookies
1 15-ounce can pumpkin (or 2 cups of baked winter squash flesh)
2 eggs
1 tablespoon oil
1 cup heavy cream
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon pie spices
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
Pre-heat oven to 425.

Reserve six Oreos for garnish or emergencies, and blend the rest in a blender until smooth. Pour half of the resulting Oreo dust into a pie pan, and put it in the hot oven for five minutes. Remove the pan and carefully push the crumbled Oreo into the bottom and up the edges, as evenly as you can. Use the back of the spoon to press and burnish it.

Crack two eggs in a bowl without breaking the yolks. Carefully spoon out a tablespoon of white and dump it into the Oreo pie crust. Use your fingers or a brush to gently spread the egg white all over the crust, and put it back in the oven for seven minutes.

Meanwhile, put the pumpkin —

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either from a can or your baked and cooled winter squash — in a blender. Add the eggs, vanilla, oil, cream, salt and pie spices, and blend until smooth. (If using fresh squash it may be a bit thicker, so be prepared to add half cup of milk or water.)

Pour the filling into your Oreo crust, and sprinkle the remaining Oreo dust on top. You can go with a token amount for color, or layer it on as thick on top as it is on the bottom. A thick top crust results in a pie that looks like a hockey puck on the outside, while inside hides a bright creamy pumpkin filling.

If you choose not to go with a thick chocolate top, go around the edge and push down on any crust that is sticking above the surface of the filling.

Cover the pie with foil and bake for 15 minutes. Lower the oven to 350 and remove the foil. Bake for another 45 minutes. Remove the pie and allow it to cool for two hours.

Waiting for it to cool might just be the hardest part of making this pie. But the crust, at least, was easy.

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